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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-114-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	2/11/2020 9:36 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Paris Police Dept.	Agency Address:	2910 Clarksville St.
Agency City:	Paris	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75460		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Bob
Director Middle Name:	J		
Director Last Name:	Hundley		
Reporter Name:	Bob Hundley	Reporter Email:	bhundley@paristexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: Lews

Last Name: Mathis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/8/1989 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 30

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/23/2020 11:41 PM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Death Date and Time: 1/24/2020 12:11 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gunshot wounds

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Law enforcement/correctional personnel

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?: Handgun

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

Pre existing medical condition?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	200 E Sherman St	City:	Paris
County:	Lamar	Zip:	75460

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Medical facility

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: No

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Offense 1:

Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Traffic Violation

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

18 inch knife

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	Exhibit any medical problems?:	No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Single Officer unit initiated traffic stop for failure to use turn signal. Upon first contact with suspect, suspect stated to the officer to either let him go or shoot him. Suspect remained seated in the vehicle with the driver door open. Suspect made other requests for the officer to shoot him. Officer called for backup officer and relayed on the police radio that suspect had asked officer to shoot him. Suspect then started reaching for something in the area behind the driver’s seat. Second officer arrives on scene. Suspect exits the truck with

what officers believe are two large knives. Continuing to ask officers to shoot him. The suspect then throws down a knife scabbard he was holding in his right hand, still holding and pointing the large knife at the officers. The suspect continues to move towards officers and continues to tell them to shoot him. Officers backed away, tried deescalating techniques without success. Suspect then quickly turned and advanced towards the closest officer with the large knife at which time both officers shot the suspect.