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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-1610-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	11/18/2020 3:41 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Jefferson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	5030 Hwy 69S
Agency City:	Beaumont	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77705		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Zena
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Stephens		
Reporter Name:	Charlie porter	Reporter Email:	cporter@co.jefferson.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: john

Middle Name: wesley

Last Name: seymour

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/2/1960 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 59

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/3/2020 8:37 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/3/2020 8:37 PM

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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to chest

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

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

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?:	Rifle/shotgun

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:	11313 carpenter	City:	beaumont
County:	Jefferson	Zip:	77713

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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: 11/3/2020 8:37 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

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:

Aggrivated assault on peace officer

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

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 firearm without discharge

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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:

A 59 year old W/M was shot by SWAT deputies after being called to a residence in reference to the W/M threatening to shoot his 85 year old father. When responding deputies arrived to investigate the call the W/M fled to a trailer at the rear of property, the father advised deputies that his son had a gun. Deputies took up cover positions and attempted to talk with the W/M who shouted out to the deputies that "he would kill them". Deputies on scene contacted a supervisor and requested they come to the scene. Once on scene the supervisor contacted a SWAT commander and advised what the situation was. The commander determined that SWAT needed to be activated along with negotiators. Once SWAT members arrived a perimeter was set up around the trailer and negotiators attempted to talk the W/M down. The W/M was very uncooperative and belligerent. The W/M made statements of having an AK47 rifle in the trailer with him and that he would shoot deputies through the trailer walls. Negotiators offered the W/M food if he would put the gun away and talk to them, he refused. At some point Deputies saw smoke coming from the trailer and noticed a small fire inside. Negotiators pleaded with the W/M to put his weapon down and come out of the trailer, he refused. Moments later the front door of the trailer flew opened and the W/M threw what appeared to be a burning rag out the front door. Negotiators continued to speak with the W/M trying to convince him to come out peacefully but he refused. Moments later deputies saw what they thought was smoke coming from the trailer again, this time

the SWAT commanders became concerned because the trailer had a propane tank on the front of the trailer and could possibly catch fire and explode and felt that the situation was becoming much more dangerous. The SWAT team decided to introduce gas into the trailer in an effort to get the W/M to exit the trailer peacefully. One the second attempt to introduce gas they were successful and gas began to have an affect on the W/M he could be heard coughing inside the trailer. A few minutes passed and the front door flew open and then a few seconds after that the W/M jumped out the front door holding a black semiautomatic handgun. Deputies on the inner perimeter just in front of the trailer observed the W/M with the weapon in his hand pointing it in their direction as if he was preparing to fire at them, fearing for their lives they fired their weapons firing a total of three rounds striking the W/M once mid torso. The W/M fell to the ground dropping his weapon,the SWAT team members immediatly secured the scene and proceeded to give lifesaving assistance to the W/M as medical personnel were being brought up from the staging area. EMS personnel attended to the W/M until stabilizing him enough to transport him to the local hospital for treatment, he did not recover from his injuries and was pronounced deceased as at 8:37pm on November 3,2020.