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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 20-168-UF | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 12/22/2020 1:56 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Forest Hill Police Dept. | Agency Address: | 3336 Horton Rd. |
| Agency City: | Forest Hill | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 76119 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Chief | Director First Name: | Dan |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Dennis | | |
| Reporter Name: | Dan Dennis | Reporter Email: | ddennis@foresthilltx.org |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name:

Last Name: Chapa

Suffix: III

Date of Birth: 7/13/1987 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/15/2020 2:27 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/15/2020 2:38 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: Suicide

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound of head

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

Medical Treatment: No

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

Who caused the death?: Decedent

## 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?

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| Street Address: | 500 Martin Luther King Fwy | City: | Fort Worth |
| County: | Tarrant | Zip: | 76104 |

## 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: Scene of incident

# General Information

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

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| 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:

Attempted Capital Murder (three counts)

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault - Deadly Weapon - Firearm

Offense 3:

Aggravated Robbery - Deadly Weapon - Firearm

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| 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)

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| 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?

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| Decedent display/use of weapons: | Yes, mark all that apply |
| Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: | Discharged firearm |

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

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| Attempt to Injure Others?: | Yes (select all that apply) |
| Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: | Injured law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s) |

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

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

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

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?: | No | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: | Yes |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s): | Yes | Gain possession of officer's weapon: | No |
| Verbally threaten other(s) including law: | No | 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Wednesday, 1/15/2020 at approximately 0225 hours, Officers of the Forest Hill Police Department encountered Jose Chapa III, H/M 7/13/1987 while Chapa was engaged in the commission of an Aggravated Robbery. During that encounter, Chapa fired at two Forest Hill police officers with a handgun. One officer was non-fatally wounded. One officer returned fire but did not strike Chapa. Chapa then fled the scene in a Forest Hill Police vehicle, with officers in pursuit. Officers subsequently engaged Chapa at a second location in the City of Fort Worth. The police vehicle Chapa was operating was involved in a crash at that location. Chapa died at that scene of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.