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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-1898-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/2/2021 5:01 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Beaumont Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 3827
Agency City:	Beaumont	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77704		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	James
Director Middle Name:	P		
Director Last Name:	Singletary		
Reporter Name:	Curtis Breaux	Reporter Email:	curtis.breaux@beaumonttexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: David

Middle Name: Randall

Last Name: Shephard

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/20/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/31/2020 1:26 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/31/2020 7:34 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 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:

Pending results of Autopsy not yet conducted.

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: 6700 College St.
City: Beaumont
County: Jefferson
Zip: 77706

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:

N/A

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?

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:

Deadly Conduct

Offense 2:

Discharging a Firearm in the city limits

Offense 3:

Theft of a Firearm

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:

Theft of a firearm, and threatening suicide.

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: Discharged firearm

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?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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):	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:

Suspect, Shephard, was reported as having stolen a firearm from a residence, and text the resident stating such, and that he had test fired the weapon in the house, and was going to commit suicide. Officers responded to the area after receiving the call from the homeowner, and began searching for Shephard.
Responding officers located Shephard in a grassy area next to the roadway in the 6700 blk. of College St..
Shephard was displaying a pistol and refused to cooperate with any of the officer's commands.
A S.W.A.T. callout was initiated, along with BPD Negotiators.
A standoff continued from the time of initial contact, until the time of death.
Suspect Shephard, raised the weapon he was holding and began firing at what appeared to be the ground, in the direction of perimeter officers. At this time, a S.W.A.T. sniper fired one round striking Shephard in the

head area, incapacitating him immediately. EMS personnel who were on standby at the scene responded immediately, and made the determination that Shephard was deceased.