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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

**CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT**

# Agency Information

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| Report Date: | 4/2/2020 6:13 PM | Status: | Submitted |

## Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Abilene Police Dept. | Agency Address: | 450 Pecan St. |
| Agency City: | Abilene | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 79602 | | |

## Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Chief | Director First Name: | Stan |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Standridge | | |
| Reporter Name: | Craig Jordan | Reporter Email: | craig.jordan@abilenetx.gov |

# Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lebarron

Middle Name: Ladonnie

Last Name: Ballard

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/17/1991

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/18/2020 2:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/18/2020 3:19 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:

A preliminary autopsy indicates the cause of death to be, 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: 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?: 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: 325 Westmoreland
City: Abilene
County: Taylor
Zip: 79603

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Backyard of a residence.

## 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:

P.C. 19.03 Attempted Capital Murder 1/F

Offense 2:

P.C. 38.04 Evading Arrest or Detention A/M

Offense 3:

P.C. 31.03 Theft C/M

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: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crime Against Property

## 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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Decedent used a knife, stabbing multiple officers

## 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 |

## 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): | Unknown | Make suicidal statements?: | Unknown |
| 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:

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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: | Unknown | Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: | Yes |
| Attempt gain possession officer's weapon: | Unknown | | |

## 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 03/18/20 at approximately 0227 hrs, the Abilene Police Department received a call of a Robbery at 2441 South 1st Street. This is an Allsups convenience store. The clerk was the calling party and advised that a black male, approximately 6'03", wearing a black hoodie and white jeans, just took a 24oz "tall boy". The clerk advised that he was pushed by the suspect as the suspect fled. The clerk gave the direction the suspect fled and an area he was known to hang out in.

Officers arrived in the area and observed the suspect. The officers tried to make contact with the suspect and he fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit, one of the officers caught the suspect in the backyard of a residence. The suspect turned and charged toward the officer. The officer tried to tase the suspect, but due to his clothing the taser was ineffective. The suspect then attacked the officer and started punching him in the head. The suspect had a knife in his hand and was trying to stab the officer as well. A second officer approached and saw the struggle. The second officer also tried to tase the suspect and this too was ineffective. The suspect then turned his aggression toward the second officer and tried to stab them. The second officer was able use their firearm on the suspect. The suspect continued to attack the officer and stabbed them multiple times. At this time, the first officer was able to reengage and fired multiple rounds at the suspect. Striking him several times and stopping the assault on the other officer. The suspect was transported to Hendrick Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

The scene was secured and assets from the Department's Criminal Investigation Division along with Texas Ranger Josh Burson were notified. A concurrent investigation was then conducted by APD and the Texas Rangers.