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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-421-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/8/2020 2:06 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Garland Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1891 Forest Lane
Agency City:	Garland	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75042		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Jeff
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Bryan		
Reporter Name:	Shawn Roten	Reporter Email:	rotens@garlandtx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ramon

Middle Name: Thomas

Last Name: Villagomez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/2/1988 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/19/2020 11:54 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/19/2020 12:46 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 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:

Four rifle wounds of the trunk

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?: 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:	SH190 @ Liberty Grove Rd.	City:	Rowlett
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75088

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?:	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:

Aggravated Assault - Against Public Servant

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault - Against Public Servant

Offense 3:

Attempt - Capital Murder (several counts)

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

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; 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:	Injured law enforcement personnel; 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?:	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?:	Yes	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:	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:

On April 19, 2020 at approximatley 11:15 am, Garland Officers responded to a weapons disturbance in the 2900 block of West Buckingham Road. Officers were made aware that a driver of a DART bus was in transit

and being held at gunpoint. DART Officers arrived at the scene and attempted to get the bus to stop. The bus did not stop and the gunman began firing at the officers. A DART officer was stuck by gunfire in the leg. Garland Officers arrived and along with Dart Police, continued to pursue the bus. It is believed the gunman told the bus driver where to drive, which lead officers in a pursuit through multiple cities, including Dallas, Richardson, Garland, Rockwall County and ultimately ending in Rowlett.
During the chase, the suspect fired numerous times at the pursuing officers, striking multiple police vehicles. One of the rounds penetrated the front windshield of a Garland Police car and struck a Garland Officer in the neck. Officers were able to utilize spike strips to disable the tires on the bus. The bus slowly came to a stop on northbound George Bush Freeway between Liberty Grove and Highway 66. When the bus stopped, the gunman exited the bus with his weapon in hand and was engaged by the pursing officers. The suspect was stuck by gunfire and was incapacitated. He was transported to a hospital where he later died. The DART Officer and Garland Officer that were shot by the suspect were transported to local hospitals with non-life threatening injuries and are expected to recover. The bus was occupied by the bus driver, the gunman, and a female passenger. Both the bus driver and passenger were not injured. Detectives learned the gunman, 31 year old Ramon Thomas Villagomez, was a wanted suspect for the Murder his girlfriend out of San Antonio and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon of another relative out of Brazoria County.