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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-579-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/31/2020 12:23 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1400 S. Lamar Street
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75215		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Ulisha
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hall		
Reporter Name:	Vincent Lee	Reporter Email:	vincent.lee@dallascityhall.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gamaliel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Sanchez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/18/1997 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 23

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/16/2020 7:34 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/16/2020 7:34 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

The suspect shot a police officer and then shot himself in the head. The related injury to officer report is OIS 00002896

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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?: Firearm, unspecified

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:	2000 S Westmoreland	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75236

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

A 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:

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:
Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant	
	Offense 2:
	Offense 3:
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:	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	Injured law enforcement

Injure Others:	personnel

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	N/A	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?:	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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On May 16, 2020, at approximately 7:30 p.m., covert Officer Wells #11047 from Operation Disruption observed Suspect Gamaliel Sanchez who they knew to be wanted for Aggravated Robbery Probation Violation in the 2100 block South Westmoreland Road. Covert Officer Wells then alerted uniformed officers and requested a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle.

Officers Olavarrieta #11133, Bedolla #11221, and Nonnemacher #11307 arrived and conducted a traffic stop in the Shell parking lot at Illinois and Westmoreland. The suspect fled in his truck northbound in the southbound lanes of Westmoreland. The suspect then jumped the median and proceeded north in the northbound lanes. Officers followed the suspect in their vehicles, as the suspect attempted to go east on Texas, he lost control of his truck and struck an unrelated motorist. The suspect exited his truck and fired one shot at responding officers. He continued on foot; running east on the sidewalk and fired another round at

Officers G. Greene #11324 and R. Diaz #11264. Officer Greene returned fire from his Glock 19. Officer Diaz was struck in the left wrist.

The suspect continued running to the backyard of 3119 Texas Drive, where he shot himself in the head. There was a 22 caliber handgun next to the suspect and a fired shell casing. It appears that a window at 3209 Texas Drive was struck by gunfire from the officer who returned fire at the suspect. The residents were not injured.

Officer Diaz and Suspect Sanchez were transported to Methodist Central. Suspect Sanchez was pronounced deceased at 8:11 p.m. Officer Diaz was treated and is in good condition. Witnesses at 3223 Texas Drive verified that the officers were fired upon and returned fire.

PES responded to the location and processed the multiple scenes involved in the initial traffic stop and the shooting. A small caliber handgun was recovered in that area and is believed to be the weapon used in this offense. PES took possession of the weapon for processing. SGT Williams of the DVR Team responded to the scene and downloaded the in dash car cameras and individual body worn cameras. SIU detectives were able to obtain surveillance video from several residences in the area. Traffic and Risk Management also responded to the location to work the accidents caused by the suspect.

Dallas Police Department's Special Investigations Unit will be conducting the continuing investigation on case number 087370-2020. Detective Tonya McDaniel will be the lead detective.