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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1059-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/24/2021 9:58 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Amarillo Police Dept.	Agency Address:	200 SE 3rd Ave
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79101		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Martin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Birkenfeld		
Reporter Name:	Michael Dunn	Reporter Email:	michael.dunn@amarillo.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: George

Middle Name: Michael

Last Name: Mireles

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/8/1987 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/20/2021 9:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/21/2021 2:05 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:

Gunshot wound of the 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?: 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:	1223 South Roberts	City:	Amarillo
County:	Potter	Zip:	79102

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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:

Aggravated Assault DW 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:	Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Texas Pardon and Parole Warrant-Original Charge Dangerous Drugs

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	Attempted to injure

Injure Others:	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?:	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 Friday August 20, 2021 at about 0935 hours, Amarillo Police Officers were conducting surveillance on the apartment complex located at 1223 South Roberts. They were watching two apartments within the complex, looking for a felon, Cayetano Vela Medrano 29 wanted for Texas Pardon and Parole-Dangerous Drugs, Caution Armed and Dangerous warrant. While conducting this operation, the officers observed George Michael Mireles 34 leave one of these apartments. Mireles is the half brother of Medrano. Medrano is listed as 5'11, 204 lbs with black hair and brown eyes. Mireles is listed as 5'7", 180 lbs with black hair and brown eyes. Both Mireles and Medrano have tattoos on the side of their neck. Officers moved towards Mireles in the parking lot of the apartment complex to try to identify him as the possible target of their investigation. Unknown to the officers at the time, George Mireles was also wanted by Texas Pardon and Parole warrant-Dangerous Drugs, Caution Armed and Dangerous, warrant issued on 8/13/2021. As Amarillo Police

Cpl Anthony Kennedy approached in an unmarked police vehicle, Mireles drew a concealed firearm from a holster at his waist and fired at Cpl Kennedy's vehicle, striking the right front hood. Cpl Kennedy brought his vehicle to a stop and exited. Mireles fled up the exterior stairwell of the apartment building and fired a second time. Cpl Kennedy and Amarillo Police Sgt Kevin Anderson and Amarillo Police Cpl John McDaniel returned fire with handguns. All three officer were wearing distinctive police markings and equipped with body worn cameras which were activated at the time of the shooting. Mireles was struck by gunfire in his body, arms and head. Mireles fell just outside the target apartment door. Officers called for assistance and utilized a ballistic shield to approach Mireles and pull him away from the front door. Mireles was armed with a 9mm handgun and had a concealment holster on his waistband. Officers carried Mireles to a safe location where he was provided with first aid and then carried to an ambulance in a staging area. Medrano was located inside the target apartment and arrested at the scene, he was booked into the Potter County Correction Center for his warrant. . Medrano died at a local hospital, Saturday August 21, 2021 at 0205 hours. Justice of the Peace D. Horn ordered an autopsy which was completed on Tuesday August 24, 2021. Cause of Death was determined to be gunshot wound to the head.