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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1185-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/9/2022 3:01 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Pflugerville Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 589
Agency City:	Pflugerville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78691		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Jason
Director Middle Name:	R		
Director Last Name:	Smith		
Reporter Name:	Stewart Welch	Reporter Email:	swelch@pflugervilletx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ronald

Middle Name: F

Last Name: Zavaglia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/1/1949 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 72

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/18/2021 12:08 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/18/2021 12:24 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 are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

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Gun shot wound to the chest where projectile struck the right lung, aorta, liver, and stomach. Wound channel was front to back, right to left, with a downward angle.

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:	1041 Lanark Lp	City:	Pflugerville
County:	Travis	Zip:	78660

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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 subsequent to 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: Scene of incident

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 with a Deadly Weapon Against a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon Against Family Member

Offense 3:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon Against Family Member

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; Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Used buttstock of rifle to strike spouse and break down bedroom door of other family member.

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; Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	No
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:	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:

On August 18th, 2021, Officers responded to 1041 Lanark Lp in reference to an active physical disturbance with a intoxicated male with a rifle. As Officers were responding, they were provided updates from Police Communications advising the male was breaking down an interior door with the rifle.

Upon arrival, Officers knocked and announced their presence at the closed front door. A short time later the door was opened from inside and the male appeared from within and was pointing a rifle at officers. The male was given commands to drop the firearm, but did not comply with those orders. The male was shot once in the chest at which time he dropped the rifle. Life saving measures were performed by Officers on scene, but the male succumbed to his injury.