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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1483-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/18/2022 11:46 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Austin Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 689001
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78768		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Joseph
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Chacon		
Reporter Name:	Jeremy Benoit	Reporter Email:	jeremy.benoit@austintexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Robert

Middle Name: Bruce

Last Name: Richart

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/14/1965 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/27/2021 3:39 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/27/2021 4:01 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:
Gunshot wounds of torso

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

Medical Treatment:	Yes

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:	10610 Pinkney Lane	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78739

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:

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?:	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	
	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:	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:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure

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):	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:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Yes	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:	No	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:

At approximately 9:16 a.m., APD officers were assisting Austin Code Enforcement with a search warrant service for nuisance and abatement at the residence of 10610 Pinkney Lane. They attempted to make contact with the resident, and when they were unable to make contact, they left a copy of the search warrant on the front door. Contractors who work for Austin Code Enforcement then began to conduct lawn maintenance on the yard of this residence.

At approximately 10:21 a.m., an APD officer said over the police radio that someone inside the residence at this location fired shots at them. APD officers immediately assisted and relocated Austin Code Enforcement personnel and lawn care contractors to safety. A SWAT call was then initiated for an armed, barricaded subject. Several attempts were made to contact the subject who was inside the residence, but were

unsuccessful.

SWAT Officers arrived on scene at approximately 10:43 a.m., along with Mental Health Officers and an APD Crisis Negotiator. De-escalation attempts were made in order to get the situation under control and avoid further violence. For several hours, the officers continued their attempts to make contact with the subject inside the house to no avail.

At 3:19 p.m., APD SWAT officers were in the back yard of the residence when they began to take gunfire from the subject inside the residence. The subject fired many shots at the officers. Due to this immediate threat, officers made entry into the home through the front door using a robot. The robot visuals showed a fire was started in the residence and was quickly spreading. More gunshots were heard, but it was unclear where the subject was firing from inside of the residence.

For the next twenty minutes, officers continued to request that the subject exit the residence. The subject did not exit. The Officers observed the residence was now fully engulfed in flames from the fire. The Austin Fire Department began to attempt to extinguish the fire.

At 3:39 p.m., the garage door of the residence opened, and the subject began walking out of the garage with weapons in his hands. A SWAT Officer fired gunshots at the subject. The subject was struck and fell to the ground. The officers made physical contact with the subject, disarmed him, and moved him to safety away from the burning residence. The officers began life-saving measures on the subject.

The Austin Travis County Fire Department continued to fight the blaze in attempt to contain the fire to protect nearby residences. The Fire Department was able to fully extinguish the fire. Austin Travis County EMS continued to render aid and transported the subject to a local area hospital. The subject succumbed to his injuries at the hospital, and was pronounced deceased at 4:01 p.m. An Austin Code Enforcement employee sustained minor injuries during the incident, and was transported to Dell Seton Medical Center at the University of Texas.