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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-357-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	3/24/2021 3:11 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: Sanchez

Middle Name:

Last Name: Sergio

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/11/1963 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 57

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/18/2021 10:55 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/18/2021 10:55 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

The decedent shot himself in 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: Not Applicable

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?: 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:	5327 Bonita Avenue	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75206

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?:	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:

MURDER

Offense 2:

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT PUBLIC SERVANT

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 Injure Others:	Injured 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):	N/A	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:	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:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CASE: 028292-2021 COUNCIL DIST: 2

LOCATION: 5327 Bonita Avenue

DATE: February 18, 2021 TIME: 10:55 a.m.

SUBJECT:
Sergio Sanchez L/M 11/11/1963

SYNOPSIS OF MURDER/ SUICIDE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT BASED ON BODY WORN CAMERA VIDEO, OFFICER AND WITNESS ACCOUNTS:

On February 18, 2021 at approximately 10:55 a.m. Dallas 911 received a call from a male who identified himself as Sergio Sanchez, a 57 year old Latin male and stated that he had just shot and killed his wife, who was later identified as April Sanchez, a 31 year old white female. Suspect Sanchez also stated that he was upset because police officers had been drugging his wife. Suspect Sanchez also told the dispatcher that he could not stay on the phone and that he was going to go be with his wife.
The 911 dispatcher alerted responding officers to the nature of the call and Suspect Sanchez' state of mind. Responding officers met just east of the call location to formulate a plan and brief each other on the approach. The officers then made a tactical approach to the residence. Upon approach, Suspect Sanchez fired several times at the officers through a window, striking Officer Rubin and Officer Coffie in their lower legs. The officers determined that the shots were coming from the front window of the location and retreated to hard cover. Officers Rubin and Coffie were transported to by DFR 8 to Baylor Hospital while Suspect Sanchez remained inside the location and refused to communicate any further. Sergeant Mullen, who was already on scene, set up a perimeter and contacted SWAT.

The SWAT team responded to the scene and began preparing to conduct surveillance using a remote-controlled camera system. The SWAT was able to introduce the system through a broken window and determined that both Suspect S. Sanchez and Complainant A. Sanchez were deceased. They then breached the front door and made entry. The SWAT team conducted a primary and secondary search of the residence and called the location clear. They found Complainant A. Sanchez deceased and Suspect S. Sanchez near her, deceased from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

SWAT physician, Doctor Alex Eastman was on scene and pronounced the suspect and the complainant dead at approximately 1:00 p.m.

CSRU responded to Baylor Hospital, photographed the injured officers and collected evidence. CSRU then responded to 5327 Bonita Avenue, processed and collected evidence, and performed a LEICA Scan of the crime scene. The BWC Team responded and downloaded all relevant video. SIU responded to the scene and determined that the SWAT team would not be treated as involved officers because the suspect had shot himself before they arrived on the scene. The Dallas County District Attorney responded and is conducting an independent investigation. Next of Kin notifications have been made for both the suspect and the complainant.

Suspect S. Sanchez has a history of arrests for violent offenses including Aggravated Sexual Assault, Aggravated Robbery and Kidnapping. The suspect is also a registered Sex Offender.

Dallas Police Department's Special Investigations Unit will be conducting the continuing investigation on case number 028292-2021. Detective Brian Fillingim will be the lead detective.

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Sergeant of Police
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