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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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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: Nathan

Middle Name:

Last Name: James

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/10/1996

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 24

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/7/2021 4:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/7/2021 6:45 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 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?: 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:	9821 Summerwood Circle	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75243

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:
CAPITOL MURDER	
	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 Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Killed 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):	No	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?:	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: 023113-2021

LOCATION: 9821 Summerwood Circle
DATE: February 7, 2021 TIME: 4:30 p.m.

SUBJECT:
Nathan Rashad James B/M 02/10/1996

SYNOPSIS OF CAPITOL MURDER/ SUICIDE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT BASED ON BODY WORN CAMERA VIDEO, OFFICER AND WITNESS ACCOUNTS:
On February 7, 2021 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Officers J. Delgado, #11036 and C. Macabu, #10049 were

dispatched to a Shooting call at 9821 Summerwood Circle Apt. 816 regarding a male on the phone with 911 dispatch, claiming to have just shot his girlfriend. When the responding officers arrived at the location, the suspect, Nathan James B/M 02-10-1996 fired into the marked squad car, shattering the rear passenger window. Initially the officers were unable to determine where the shots were coming from and retreated to find hard cover in the apartment complex parking lot. The responding cover officers arrived on scene moments later and began setting up a perimeter and contacted SWAT.
Suspect James could still be heard on an open line with the DPD dispatcher. Suspect James was heard calling someone on another phone and explaining that he had just killed his girlfriend and that he was going to kill himself. Before any SWAT officers arrived on scene, the patrol elements on scene heard two gunshot coming from the inside the apartment.
The SWAT team responded and set an Emergency Assault Team up near the apartment. Suspect James did not speak to SWAT officers when they attempted to establish contact with him. The entry team was able to place a remote-controlled surveillance camera inside the apartment residence and confirmed that all three occupants, including the suspect were deceased. They then breached the front door and made entry. The SWAT team conducted a primary and secondary search of the apartment residence and called the location clear. They found two female complainants deceased and Suspect James deceased from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The complainants have been identified as Marietta Julieze Matthews B/F 08-24-1994 and Tamiko Geniece Merriwether B/F 02-10-1965. Ms. Matthews was in an intimate relationship with the suspect and lived at the apartment residence with the suspect. Ms. Merriwether was Complainant Matthews' mother. Both complainants had been shot at close range.

SWAT physician, Doctor Alex Eastman was on scene and pronounced the suspect and both complainants dead at 6:45 p.m.

CSRU responded to the location and conducted round counts on the initial responding officers and processed the 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.

Suspect James has an active Robbery warrant out of Missouri and has a history of arrest for violent offenses including Robbery and Endangering a Child.

Dallas Police Department's Special Investigations Unit will be conducting the continuing investigation on case number 023113-2021. Detective Brewster Billings will be the lead detective.

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