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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-605-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/24/2021 10:39 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Antonio Police Dept.	Agency Address:	315 S. Santa Rosa
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:	P.		
Director Last Name:	McManus		
Reporter Name:	Timm Angell	Reporter Email:	timm.angell@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joe

Middle Name: Guadalupe

Last Name: Gomez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/4/1975 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 46

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/15/2021 2:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/15/2021 3:07 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Self-inflicted gunshot wound to 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:	9800 Airport Blvd.	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78216

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?:	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 (Deadly Weapon)	
	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; 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
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?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

Thursday, April 15th, 2021, at 1430hrs, a call came into SAPD for shots fired at 9800 Airport Blvd, San Antonio International Airport. The details reported shots being fired outside of a Terminal on the lower level of the airport. The incident began when a San Antonio Airport Police Officer observed a black Volkswagen 2-door sedan approaching where he was parked in his vehicle. The vehicle was traveling toward the terminal, but on the wrong way of the roadway exiting the lower level of the Terminal. The officer exited his parked patrol vehicle and attempted to flag down the driver. The driver continued past the officer and the Hispanic male driver failed to acknowledge him or slow down. The officer called out to other officers working the crosswalk at the Terminal and warned them of the wrong-way driver approaching. A San Antonio Park Police Officer was working the crosswalk at the lower level of the Terminal and acknowledged the call over the radio. The Park Officer said he began walking toward the arrival area of the Terminal when he saw what he described as a black Volkswagen Golf coming towards him. The officer reported the vehicle stopped and he assumed the driver had realized he was going the wrong way and was about to turn around. The officer then reported he saw the driver (Hispanic male) exit the vehicle and begin to look around. As the Park Officer was walking toward the male he observed the male begin to shoot a handgun at the front of the Terminal, in the direction of numerous travelers who were exiting the terminal or parked in the front waiting. The Park Officer yelled out “Shots Fired” over his radio and began running toward the male suspect. This officer said he took

cover behind a concrete pillar when the suspect saw him approaching. The Park Officer fired several shots at the suspect who took cover behind his open vehicle door. At this point the Park Officer took the opportunity to move closer behind the next pillar. When the suspect came out from behind his vehicle door and resumed firing, the officer fired additional shots at the suspect and reported seeing the suspect collapse on the ground. The officer then approached the male suspect and was able to handcuff him and secure the suspect's semi-automatic handgun. The suspect was then transported to University Hospital where he is pronounced deceased at 1507hrs.

Airport surveillance video clearly shows that at one point the suspect takes a knee on the ground, where he then fires a shot into his head with his own weapon.

Friday, April 16th, 2021, the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy of the suspect where it was learned the suspect suffered two (2) non-lethal gunshot wounds to his lower back and right hip. Both of these wounds appeared survivable and projectiles were recovered. The suspect was also found to have a hard contact wound to the center of his forehead. This was a non-survivable lethal injury. The Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the cause of the suspect's death was a gunshot wound to his head and the manner of death was ruled as a suicide.