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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1014-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/1/2023 8:56 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Aransas Pass Police Dept.	Agency Address:	600 Cleveland Blvd.
Agency City:	Aransas Pass	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78336		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Eric
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Blanchard		
Reporter Name:	Eric Blanchard	Reporter Email:	chief@aptx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joseph

Middle Name: Junior

Last Name: Torres

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/3/1986 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/31/2022 1:23 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/31/2022 1:23 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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The subject was shot by a police officer several times and succumbed to his injuries.

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?: 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:	2814 Main Street	City:	Ingleside
County:	San Patricio	Zip:	78362

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:

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: 7/31/2022 1:23 AM

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:

Attempted Capital Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon

Offense 3:

Aggravated Kidnapping

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; Crime Against Property

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

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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?:	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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:

The decedent was wanted for the aggravated kidnapping of the victim a few days prior. The decedent found the victim driving, chased her, shot at her vehicle, injured a passenger, and then fled in a vehicle from a pursuing APPD officer. The decedent shot at the pursuing officer several times during the chase. The decedent arrived in the parking lot behind an Ingleside, Texas bar and Tomales business, where he again tried to shoot at the officer. The officer pursued the decedent on foot until he turned his weapon back on the officer, at which time the officer shot the decedent several times. Officers and EMS attempted lifesaving measures, and the decedent was transported to a nearby hospital, where he died from his injuries.

The autopsy report was received on 1/31/2023 and is on file with the PD.