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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1668-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Azle Police Dept.	Agency Address:	P.O. Box 1378
Agency City:	Azle	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76098		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Bennett
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hall		
Reporter Name:	Bennett Hall	Reporter Email:	bhall@cityofazle.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: George

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gordon

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/27/1994 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/1/2022 7:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/1/2022 8:30 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:

Medical Cause of Death:

Blunt trauma (lacerated liver, spleen and heart) caused by less lethal impact munition

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?: Other Weapon, specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Less lethal shotgun using drag stabilized 12 gauge less lethal projectiles

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: Other, specify

Less lethal 12 gauge shotgun

Means of Death Other: using a drag stabilized powder fired less lethal mention (2)

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 700 Boyd Road
City: Azle
County: Tarrant
Zip: 76020

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: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Texas Health Hospital Azle

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:

Agg Assault of Public Servant (knife)

Offense 2:

Mental Health Detention

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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 Yes, mark all that

weapons:	apply
Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details:	Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

advanced on officers while displaying a knife failing to follow commands to drop the knife

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

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?:	Yes	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Officers responded to a welfare concern at the church parking lot of the listed address. The decedent had called 911 requesting officers so he could kill them. Officers were familiar with the suspect from prior mental health encounters and responded to the church parking lot to make contact. Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation after arrival. The decedent, armed with a fixed-blade knife, failed to follow commands and one officer deployed a taser in defense of himself as the decedent advanced towards him. A second officer, armed with a less-lethal shotgun, deployed the less-lethal device at the request of the first, striking the decedent in the lower chest area. The decedent was knocked to the ground by the device's force but started to get back up, still with the knife in hand. The same officer, armed with a less lethal shotgun, fired a second less-lethal round, striking the decedent in the same general area of the body. The decedent complied with commands to put the knife down and was taken into custody. Almost immediately, the decedent showed signs of distress and soon lost consciousness. Officers and EMS provided medical care, and the decedent was transported by ambulance to Texas Health Hospital in Azle where he died.