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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1806-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/12/2023 4:33 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Mineola Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 179
Agency City:	Mineola	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75773		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Charles
Director Middle Name:	E		
Director Last Name:	Bittner		
Reporter Name:	Charles Bittner	Reporter Email:	mineolapd@mineola.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Robert

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Vancleave

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/2/1967 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/22/2022 2:39 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/22/2022 2:55 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gun shot to chest

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?: 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:	West Bermuda Street	City:	Quitman
County:	Wood	Zip:	75783

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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: Scene of incident

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:

38.04 Evading Arrest/Detention W/Veh

Offense 2:

31.03 (e)(3) Theft=$750<$2,500

Offense 3:

22.02(b)(2) Aggravated Assault against public servant

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:	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:	No

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?:	N/A
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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 22, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:39PM OFFICERS WERE DISPATCHED TO THE LOCAL WALMART LOCATED AT 135 NE LOOP 564 IN MINEOLA, 75773, COUNTY OF WOOD TX IN REFERENCE TO A W/M COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF THEFT. STORE EMPLOYEES GAVE DISPATCH A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECTS VEHICLE AND ADVISED HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE PARKING LOT. DISPATCH RELAYED INFORMATION TO RESPONDING UNIT WHICH WAS A TWO MAN UNIT. AS OFFICERS APPROACHED THE LOCATION THEY OBSERVED THE SUSPECTS VEHICLE. A TRAFFIC STOP WAS INITIATED. THE FRONT PASSENGERS SIDE OFFICERS EXITED THE PATROL UNIT ATTEMPTING TO STOP THE SUSPECTS VEHICLE. SUSPECT ATTEMPTED TO HIT THE OFFICER WITH HIS VEHICLE. OFFICER RETREATED TO FRONT PASSENGERS SEAT AND SUSPECT ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. OFFICERS PURSUED SUSPECT'S VEHICLE NORTH ON HWY 37 TOWARDS THE CITY OF QUITMAN 75783, WOOD COUNTY TX. SUSPECT CONTINUED DRIVING RECKLESSLY SWERVING INTO OPPOSITE LANES OF TRAVEL. SUSPECT'S VEHICLE LOST A TIRE, SPUN AROUND AND CAME TO REST ON WEST BERMUDA STREET IN QUITMAN, TX. THE SUSPECTS VEHICLE ENDED UP FACING RESPONDING OFFICERS PATROL UNIT AFTER COMING TO REST. SUSPECT OPENED HIS DRIVERS DOOR OF HIS VEHICLE AND EXITED OUT. OFFICER IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT OF PATROL UNIT ALSO EXITED. SHOTS WERE FIRED BY OFFICER. SUSPECT WAS HIT BY GUN FIRE AND FEEL TO THE GROUND. OTHER RESPONDING OFFICERS ATTEMPTED

FIRST AID TO THE SUSPECT. EMS PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON SCENE. SUSPECT WAS DECEASED AT LOCATION. SCENE WAS SECURED FOR TEXAS RANGERS TO INVESTIGATE.