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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Address:	PO BOX 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78773		

Director Information

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Director Last Name:	McCraw		
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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Francisco

Middle Name:

Last Name: Lopez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/17/1985 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/23/2022 5:58 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/23/2022 5:58 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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death: Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

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: No

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?: 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:	2742 US Hwy 90	City:	Hallettsville
County:	Lavaca	Zip:	77964

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 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:

Aggravated Kidnapping

Offense 2:

Attempted Capital Murder

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:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure 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?:	Yes
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?:	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:	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 January 23, 2022, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Francisco Lopez evaded arrest from Yoakum Police Department by driving a vehicle northbound on UA-77A toward Hallettsville. Hallettsville Police Department deployed stop sticks, effectively bringing the suspect's vehicle to a stop. Lopez exited the vehicle and fled on

foot north to a vacant field, openly displaying a pistol.

Lopez broke into a residence located at 2742 US Hwy 90, Hallettsville, TX 77964. Once inside, Lopez took the occupant, Lois Horton, hostage. Lopez began barricading windows and fired approximately three shots toward law enforcement officers. Additional officers arrived at the scene, including DPS Texas Highway Patrol and Victoria County SWAT. DPS SWAT arrived later and established a perimeter around the residence.

At approximately 5:10 p.m., Lopez attempted to set the front porch of the residence on fire. The fire burned out on its own; however, while talking to DPS Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU) personnel, Lopez told them to "not bring any fire vehicles forward." Lopez also told them that he had taken ten ecstasy pills and "wanted to die." Lopez claimed he would free Horton and fight law enforcement and the standoff would be "over in an hour." The last verbal contact between Lopez and CNU occurred at approximately 5:49 p.m.

While observing the residence, a DPS SWAT precision rifle team personnel saw Lopez aggressively pinning and maneuvering Horton against the south-facing window on the second floor. The precision rifle team fired a single round into Lopez and then entered the residence. Horton was rescued and subsequently transferred to Lavaca County EMS. Dr. Mark Escott declared Lopez deceased at the scene.