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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1045-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/27/2023 3:17 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Austin Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 689001
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78768		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Joseph
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Chacon		
Reporter Name:	Shane Streepy	Reporter Email:	shane.streepy@austintexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Woodrome

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/28/1963 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 60

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/20/2023 5:06 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/20/2023 5:19 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:

Gunshot wounds.

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:	3506 Menchaca Road	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78704

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:

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?: No

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

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: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

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; 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
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):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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:

At approximately 4:54 a.m., Austin 9-1-1 Communications received a call describing a female banging on an apartment door stating a man was chasing her in the 3600 block of Menchaca Road and requesting police. The caller described a white female wearing blue jean shorts and a turquoise top. The caller said the female was sitting outside his door.

At 4:55 a.m., APD officers were dispatched to the call location, and at approximately 5:00 a.m., they arrived

on the scene and began speaking with the female who matched the description in the 9-1-1 call. The female said a man chased her through the apartment complex, and he had a knife. The female described the male subject as a six feet three inches tall, 60-year-old man with gray hair who was last seen wearing navy blue or black basketball shorts with a dark shirt.

At approximately 5:03 a.m., officers communicated over the police radio the man was last observed running west through the apartment complex. The man was later identified as Mr. Woodrome.

At approximately 5:06 a.m., Mr. Woodrome approached the officers in the parking lot of the apartment complex while they were speaking to the female. The male subject walked toward the officer while holding a knife in his hands. Officers began to give commands to Mr. Woodrome to drop the knife.

Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation by continuously giving commands to Mr. Woodrome. He did not comply with the commands and repeatedly yelled at the officers to shoot and kill him. An Officer deployed a Department-issued taser, but the taser deployment was ineffective. Mr. Woodrome continued to move forward in the direction of the officers. Officers continued commands to drop the knife and walked backwards to create more distance between them and Mr. Woodrome. Officers also requested the female stay back. A second Officer deployed a Department-issued taser a second time, and it did not affect Mr. Woodrome. Mr. Woodrome continued to walk toward officers with the knife in his hand. A third Officer then discharged his Department-approved firearm toward Mr. Woodrome, at which point he fell to the ground.

A knife was located on the ground next to Mr. Woodrome. Officers moved the knife away from Mr. Woodrome.

Once the scene was made safe by removing the knife, the officers immediately performed life-saving measures and requested medical assistance at the scene. Mr. Woodrome succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on the scene at 5:19 a.m. No other civilians or officers sustained physical injuries.