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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1421-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/15/2024 12:26 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: Reice

Middle Name: Samuel

Last Name: Brown

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/22/1996 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/3/2023 3:07 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/3/2023 4:05 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

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Sharp and blunt force injuries

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?:	Decedent

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?:	Not Applicable

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:	Knife / edged instrument

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	12400 block of Research Boulevard SVRD NB	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78759

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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: Medical facility

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:

Emergency Detention

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: 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 weapons: Yes, mark all that apply

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

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Metal Pipe

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

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?:	No
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:	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:

At approximately 3:07 a.m., APD officers responded to multiple 9-1-1 calls reporting a pedestrian in the 12000 block of Research Boulevard SVRD NB. The 9-1-1 callers reported that a man wearing blue jean shorts and no shirt was in the high-speed roadway's travel lanes. The callers also reported that the man had obvious injuries to his body and was bleeding.

APD officers arrived on the scene at approximately 3:11 a.m., and located the man described in the call, who was later identified as Reice Samuel Brown. Officers attempted to make verbal contact with Mr. Brown and deescalate the situation. Mr. Brown was not responsive to the officers' requests. He began walking away and seriously injuring himself with a metal object in front of the officers. In order to prevent further injury, an Officer

deployed his Department-approved taser. The taser was effective, and Mr. Brown fell to the ground. The metal object was located on the ground next to Mr. Brown.

Once the scene was made safe by removing the metal object, an Officer requested Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services (A/TCEMS). The officers placed Mr. Brown in handcuffs and rendered aid to Mr. Brown utilizing equipment included in their Department-approved Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK). A second Officer arrived on the scene and also assisted with first aid. Officers administered Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to Mr. Brown prior to A/TCEMS' arrival at the scene. Mr. Brown was then transported to a local hospital by A/TCEMS. No other civilians or officers sustained physical injuries.

At approximately 4:05 a.m., Mr. Brown was pronounced deceased.

Because Mr. Brown died shortly after contact with APD officers, this incident is being investigated as an in-custody death