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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1791-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/7/2024 6:46 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Mesquite Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 850137
Agency City:	Mesquite	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75149		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	David
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Gill		
Reporter Name:	Cody Ketron	Reporter Email:	cketron@mesquitepolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Payton

Middle Name: Oneal

Last Name: Lawrence

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/14/2004 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 19

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/14/2023 3:04 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/14/2023 3:04 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 of the torso.

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?: 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:	2601 Faithon P. Lucas Sr. Blvd	City:	Mesquite
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75181

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

Location Category: Business

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?: 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:

Agg Assault Deadly Weapon Against Peace Officer

Offense 2:

SJF Theft

Offense 3:

Warrant--Agg Assault Deadly Weapon

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Used vehicle as weapon

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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?:	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:	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:

An MPD officer approached a stolen vehicle, found it unoccupied, then contacted another associated vehicle in the same parking lot. The officer gave verbal commands to the driver/decedent to shut the vehicle off. The decedent then reversed the vehicle as the officer maintained his vantage point of the occupants. The driver ignored repeated commands to shut the vehicle off, drove slightly forward, reversed again, then began to drive forward again. The officer maintained his vantage point of the multiple vehicle occupants respective to the vehicle's position during this driving behavior. Once the vehicle began moving forward again, the officer fired three rounds from his issued duty weapon and struck the driver. The vehicle then rolled to a curb where it stopped, and four occupants were taken into custody. The driver was declared deceased at the scene despite life saving efforts from officers (including the involved officer) and MFD Paramedics.