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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1841-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/15/2023 2:23 PM	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: Pablo

Middle Name: Cato

Last Name: Garcia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/18/2006 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 16

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/11/2023 8:47 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/11/2023 9:15 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:

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: 1700 Carnation Dr
City: Mesquite
County: Dallas
Zip: 75149

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:

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:

Evading Arrest/Detention W/Veh

Offense 2:

Accident Involving Damage over $200 (two counts)

Offense 3:

FLID Public Street, Fixture

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Speeding (moving traffic violation)

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?: Unknown

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?:	No
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?:	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:	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:

While conducting speed enforcement, a traffic officer attempted to stop a vehicle driven by the decedent for speeding. The decedent failed to stop and a vehicle pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, the decedent's vehicle struck a motorist, a stop sign, and a parked vehicle before stopping in the front yard of 1700 Carnation Dr. The decedent exited the vehicle, ignored the traffic officer's commands, and began reaching in both the driver seat and back left seat while he was outside of the vehicle (having opened up the back left door by exiting the driver seat, unlocking, and opening the back left door from the outside handle). While the decedent reached inside the vehicle (back left seat area), the traffic officer fired five rounds from their department issued handgun and struck the decedent five times. The decedent was transported to a local hospital and subsequently died.