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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1845-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/30/2025 2:35 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Tyler County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	702 North Magnolia
Agency City:	Woodville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75979		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bryan
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Weatherford		
Reporter Name:	Cory LeBlanc	Reporter Email:	investigations@co.tyler.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Reginal

Middle Name:

Last Name: Owens

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/29/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/17/2023 8:25 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/17/2023 8:20 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Gunfire

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:	Unknown

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?:	Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Officer involved shooting

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 206 Shivers Dr
City: Woodville
County: Tyler
Zip: 75979

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: 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:
Attempted Capital Murder of a Police Officer	
	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 firearm without discharge

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:	Injured law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	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?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 9-17-2023 at approx. 7:23am, Reginal Owens attempted to murder a Woodville Police Department officer by shooting him in the face. After this incident, Owens was believed to still be in the area and an active manhunt was underway. At approx. 8:25am, Owens was located by Tyler County Sheriff's Office deputies in a neighborhood near the area of the attempted murder. Owens had a handgun in his waist line and refused to

obey any orders from deputies. Owens made an aggressive hand movement towards the handgun which resulted in the deputies engaging Owens for officer and public safety. This engagement resulted in Owens being struck by gunfire and death at the scene.