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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1400 S. Botham Jean Blvd
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75215		

Director Information

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Director Last Name:	Garcia		
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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Bryan

Middle Name:

Last Name: Casillas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/23/2002 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 20

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/28/2023 2:27 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/28/2023 2:27 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:

Firearm related injures.

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?: Could not be determined

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:	9325 Briggs	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75227

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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?:	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:

Aggravated Assault DW Family Violence.

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:	Discharged firearm

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

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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	N/A

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:	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:

On 4/27/23 at 9:45 PM, SE Officers responded to a shooting call at 2914 Cypress Ave. Witness R. Caldera met with responding officers and briefed them on the situation. Responding officers made entry into the location and discover two complainants, both of whom were shot. First Aid was administered and DFR was called to the scene. The complainants were transported to BUMC and the home at 2914 Cypress was secured and the investigation into the incident began.

Family Violence Unit Response

On 04/27/23 at approximately 10:45 pm Investigating Officer A. Colon #9948 was notified by Sgt Betancourt #9212 of a shooting at 2914 Cypress Ave. I/O responded to Baylor Hospital to speak with Complainant Casillas. The Complainant stated that she and her mother, Complainant Herrera, confronted her brother, Suspect Brian Casillas about his loud music and banging noises coming from his bedroom. The Complainant stated that the Suspect was standing inside his room with the door cracked and she was standing outside of the door. The Complainant stated that suddenly, she heard gun shots and felt pain in her leg and fell to the ground. The complainant stated she began to crawl away from the door and her mother, Complainant Herrera, was trying to help her. The suspect started shooting again, this time striking Complainant Herrera multiple times. Both Complainants then barricaded themselves in a bedroom across from the Suspects and called for police.

Complainant identified the Suspect as the shooter using a photo from AIS.

The Complainant signed a consent to search form for the house, but when asked if she had access to the Suspects room, she stated that she did not. I/O Zambrano wrote a search warrant for the house.

I/O Colon responded to 2914 Cypress Ave and spoke to Witness Caldera who is Complainant Casillas' boyfriend and was present during the incident. Witness stated that both Complainants were confronting the Suspect about the noise he was making in the house. Witness stated that Complainant Casillas was standing in the Suspects door and the Suspect was inside of the room and he began to hear gunshots. The Witness stated that he ran out of the back door and into the backyard and was trying to leave the location. The Witness then realized that he did not have his car keys, so he returned to the house and was about to walk back in. When the Witness was about to walk back into the house, he heard the Complainant pleading for the Suspect to stop and could hear the Suspect reloading the gun. The Witness then ran away jumping over a fence and when he ran to the front of the house, he saw police arriving.

IO Colon was inside of the 2914 Cypress executing the search warrant when we heard the shots fired call come out over the radio. IO stayed at the crime scene to protect it while officers responded to the officer assist. IO stayed at the crime scene until he was released by SIU.

Search for Suspect Brian Casillas

Additional elements responded to the area and began a search for the suspect. Personnel involved in the search included SE Patrol Officers, Dallas Police Canine Officers, DPS Airship, DPD Air- 1. At 12:27 AM, a 9-1-1 call was received regarding a male knocking on the door at 9405 Briggs. At 12:43 AM Officers located the suspect at Cypress Ave. and Briggs St. Officers continued to search for the suspect where they discovered a blood trail and footprints. The suspect made his way to a creek behind 9329 Briggs St. and attempted to hide next to an old bridge which spanned the creek. Canine Officer Scott Jay, #7562 and his dog, Figor, responded to 9329 Briggs St. and met with patrol officers. Officer Jay initiated a canine track at which time the officers made their way through the creek to the bridge where they encountered the suspect.

Officer- Involved Shooting

Canine Figor located the suspect near the bridge. Figor moved in to make the apprehension at which time the suspect shot Figor. The round entered Figor's chest and exited his shoulder. The suspect then directed fire at Officer Jay. Officer Jay was struck in both legs by a through and through round which entered his left leg and came to rest in the right rear of his right thigh. He was also shot center mass with a round that was stopped by his ballistic vest. Officer Jay returned fire, striking the suspect multiple times. Officer Jay and Figor made their way out of the creek to the yard of the residence at 9329 Briggs St. Figor was secured to prevent him from biting any officers who rendered aid to Officer Jay. DFR transported Officer Jay to BUMC where he was treated. Officers handcuffed the suspect and attempted to place him in a position on his side where he could be monitored. He was subsequently pronounced deceased at scene by DFR.

Follow- Up

SIU personnel responded to the scene and began the OIS investigation. Witness Officer Pando, #12360, conducted a walkthrough with investigators. This incident was captured on Officer Jay's BWC.

CSRU personnel conducted a search of the scene and collected the below described evidence. A Leica scan was conducted to document the location of the recovered items. The suspect's weapon, a Glock 43, 9mm, equipped with a magazine extension, was recovered from the scene. The weapon was found with the slide locked to the rear with an empty magazine. Three (3) 9mm brass- colored FCC's were recovered from the

scene. The suspect’s weapon has not been reported stolen as of this date. Officer Jay fired Eighteen (18) rounds. His Glock 45 9mm was recovered by CSRU personnel with no round in the chamber and an empty magazine in the weapon. Fourteen (14) Hornady 9mm FCC’s were recovered from the scene. An ATF canine unit was called to the scene to assist in the search for any FCC’s. CSRU personnel recovered five of the Hornady FCC’s in an area where a rock and steel mesh retaining wall has been constructed to support the creek bank and bridge foundation. The ATF canine alerted to this area, and it is believed the remaining four (4) rounds fell into the recesses and crevices of the rocks of this retaining wall. Recovery of these rounds is not possible without deconstructing this retaining wall. Officers will conduct a neighborhood canvass and attempt to locate any video which shows the suspect’s flight from the original scene and his movements through the area of the incident.

Officer Jay was treated and released from the medical facility. Dallas County DA personnel will conduct an independent investigation. IAD and Office of Police Oversight also responded. Autopsy will be performed April 29, 2023. No other officers fired their weapons or were injured during this incident.

This an on- going investigation.

NOTIFICATIONS: CSRU, SIU, BWC Unit, Dallas Co. D.A., Police Oversight, Next of Kin, DPD Air- 1, DPS Airship, Dallas County Medical Examiner
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