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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-645-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/4/2024 12:55 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Harrison County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 W. Houston Street
Agency City:	Marshall	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75670		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Brandon
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Fletcher		
Reporter Name:	Patrick Clayton	Reporter Email:	patrickc@co.harrison.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Odell

Middle Name:

Last Name: Hicks

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 8/4/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/23/2023 5:24 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/23/2023 5:24 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

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?: 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?: 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:	2823 Lotta Road	City:	Karnack
County:	Harrison	Zip:	75661

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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 subsequent to 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:

Deadly Conduct (F-3)

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon Against a Peace Officer

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:	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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
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:	No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Harrison County Deputies received a 9-1-1 call for a fight in progress located at 2930 Lotta Road, Karnack, Texas. Upon arrival at the location, Sgt. Nelson Valle was informed that the altercation had ended, but one party involved that was believed to be the possible victim was now located at 2823 Lotta Road. Sgt. Valle responded to that address, and upon speaking with individuals outside the home, proceeded inside to check the welfare of the male individual inside the residence, who was identified as Odell Hicks Jr. (AKA Dale). Sgt. Valle entered the home, and was speaking to family members about Dale, and he was informed that the individual was located in a bedroom in the residence. While being directed to where Dale was located, the individual began firing a weapon inside the home, through a closed door/walls, believed to be in the direction of the deputy and civilians. Sgt. Valle notified dispatch of the gunfire, and backup Deputy Hunter Voyles arrived and assisted in attempting to call out Hicks from the bedroom. Hicks fired numerous rounds before opening the door to the bedroom and engaged Deputies again, at which time they returned fire. Hicks again attempted to move rooms with Deputies ordering him to stop and surrender, at which time he emerged with a handgun and was fired upon again, thus rendering him lifeless.