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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1049-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/23/2024 1:46 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hurst Police Dept.	Agency Address:	825 A Thousand Oaks Drive
Agency City:	Hurst	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76054		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Steven
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Niekamp		
Reporter Name:	Billy Keadle	Reporter Email:	bkeadle@hursttx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joshua

Middle Name: Keith

Last Name: Hughes

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/3/1979 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/10/2024 4:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/10/2024 4:30 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:

Multiple 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:	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:	2241 Central Dr.	City:	Bedford
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76021

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?:	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 on a Peace Officer

Offense 2:

UUMV

Offense 3:

Possession of a Firearm by Felon

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; Medical / Mental Health assistance call; 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:	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:	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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	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:

At approximately 2 p.m. today, July 10, Bedford Police received notification a stolen vehicle’s license plate was picked up by flock cameras. Officers located the vehicle and driver, who was in a local business. Officers attempted to make contact with the subject, who immediately fled from the scene carrying a firearm.

The subject stopped in the 2200 block of Central Drive, where he conveyed suicidal thoughts to officers. For several hours, officers attempted to deescalate the situation and persuade the subject to put the firearm down. Unfortunately, negotiations were unsuccessful, and officers used non-lethal methods to subdue the

subject. During that process, the subject started trying to escape, when officers perceived the subject threatened them and a Hurst member of the Northeast Tarrant County SWAT team shot the suspect. The subject passed away on the way to the hospital.

Please note, this is an active investigation. The incident is being reviewed by the Bedford Police Criminal Investigations Division, in conjunction with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. The Hurst officer has been placed on administrative leave.