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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1131-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/5/2024 11:15 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Abilene Police Dept.	Agency Address:	4565 South 1st Street
Agency City:	Abilene	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79605		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Detective	Director First Name:	Mike
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Perry		
Reporter Name:	Mike Perry	Reporter Email:	mike.perry@abilenetx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name:	Jeremy
Middle Name:	Demondrea
Last Name:	Bennett
Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	1/8/1988
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black or African American
Age At Time Of Death:	36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:	7/2/2024 2:13 PM

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

Death Date and Time:	7/2/2024 8:15 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:

Gun shot 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:	5201 Pueblo Dr	City:	Abilene
County:	Taylor	Zip:	79605

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 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: 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:	Kidnapping
Offense 2:	Robbery
Offense 3:	Aggravated Assault
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:	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?:	Unknown	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?:	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:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Yes		

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 July 2, 2024, at approximately 2:12 p.m., officers were dispatched to the corner of South 7th and Alameda Street for a disturbance in progress. It was reported that a male, later identified as Jeremy Bennett, a 36-year-old male, was brandishing a handgun and threatening two females inside a home. The suspect fled the original crime scene but was located in a separate nearby residence. Officers set a perimeter around the residence and summoned SWAT and the Crisis Negotiations Team to assist. It was discovered that Bennett had an active, unrelated warrant for Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Once the SWAT team arrived on the scene, crisis negotiators contacted Bennett and negotiated off and on for several hours in an attempt to take him into custody peacefully. A warrant was sought for the residence that Bennett was barricaded in. The SWAT team deployed gas into the residence numerous times. Bennett ultimately exited the residence, still brandishing the handgun. Officers commanded Bennett to discard the weapon multiple times, then deployed a less lethal impact

weapon, which was ineffective. Bennett then raised the firearm in a threatening manner and pointed it in the direction of officers. Officers simultaneously discharged their firearms, striking Bennett. Abilene Fire Department medics were already on scene and rendered medical aid, but Bennett ultimately succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital.