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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1348-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/31/2024 9:08 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:	Chief	Director First Name:	Doug
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Wrenn		
Reporter Name:	Craig Jordan	Reporter Email:	craig.jordan@abilenetx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name: Kenney

Last Name: Dutton

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/23/1953 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 70

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/6/2024 2:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/6/2024 2:00 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gunshot wounds, per preliminary report

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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?: 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:	920 N. Willis	City:	Abilene
County:	Taylor	Zip:	79603

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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?: 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:

P.C. 29.03 Aggravated Robbery (attempted)

Offense 2:

P.C. 22.02 Aggravated Assault (Three Victims)

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 other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Decedent displayed a knife in a threatening manner toward two citizens and an officer. The decedent made stabbing motions toward the victims.

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; Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	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?:	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:	Yes	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:

Officers responded to a local grocery store. Several calling parties had advised a white male was displaying a knife and threatening employees and customers. The decedent attempted to stab two employees and was destroying property prior to police arrival. Upon arrival the decedent began to approach the officer as soon as he exited his vehicle. The decedent was displaying a knife in a threatening manner and advancing toward the

officer. The officer gave several verbal commands to drop the knife and get back. The decedent continued advancing. The officer deployed his less than lethal taser and this was not effective. A second officer arrived and observed the decedent advancing toward the primary officer. The secondary officer pulled his car between the two subjects to try and develop distance and alert the decedent of additional officers arrival. The decedent continued around the officer's car and advanced quicker on the primary officer. The decedent was still holding the knife in a threatening manner and closing the distance on the officer. The officer drew his service weapon and continued giving verbal commands, that the decedent did not obey. The primary officers fired several rounds from his pistol striking the decedent. The decedent fell to the parking lot and was pronounced deceased.