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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1349-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/11/2024 2:48 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	El Paso Police Dept.	Agency Address:	911 N. Raynor
Agency City:	El Paso	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79903		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Peter
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Pacillas		
Reporter Name:	REX PARSONS	Reporter Email:	2581@elpasotexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Abraham

Last Name: Hobbs

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/29/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/23/2024 2:33 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/23/2024 7:11 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 wounds

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:	11200 Vista Del Sol	City:	El Paso
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79936

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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?:	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:

Aggravated Assault-Public Servant (not filed at time of death)

Offense 2:

Aggravated Robbery x 2 (probable cause arrest warrants were signed and on file with city warrants office)

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::	Filed

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?:	No
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:	Yes	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:

El Paso Police Officers from Pebble Hills Regional Command Center (PHRCC) were called to assist the Pebble Hills Tactical unit (TAC) with a wanted subject. PHRCC TAC officers (plain clothes) were conducting surveillance on a wanted subject (decedent) after an investigation into 2 separate Aggravated Robberies identified the decedent as being responsible. TAC officers completed warrants for the arrest of the decedent (Active criminal warrants JMAG2409636/JMAG2409637). While conducting surveillance, the decedent was observed in the area of Vista Del Sol and Larry Wadkins and TAC requested a marked unit/uniformed officers, to assist with taking the decedent into custody. The uniformed officers were provided the location of the decedent by the TAC officers who had active surveillance on him. Uniformed officers approached in a marked unit and exited to make contact the decedent who immediately began to walk away from the officers. The decedent was given verbal commands to stop which he continued to disregard. TAC Officer J. Sanchez #3227 approached the decedent to assist the uniformed officers and observed the decedent reaching for his waistband at which point a firearm was observed by the officers. The TAC Officer Sanchez deployed his department issued taser and struck the decedent with the taser prongs, which were ineffective. The decedent then pulled a firearm from his waistband and pointed it in the direction of the officers at which point both uniformed officers fired their duty weapon striking the decedent. Patrol officers secured the scene and

requested the assistance from the crimes against persons unit, the crime scene unit and the Texas Rangers. The decedent was declared dead on scene. No officers were injured during the incident. ME Investigator arrived on scene, conducted their portion of the investigation and facilitated for the decedent’s body to be moved to the Medical Examiner’s Office. Decedent's weapon was discovered to be a BB gun.