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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1631-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/16/2024 10:33 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1400 S. Botham Jean Blvd
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75215		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Igo		
Reporter Name:	Jeff Hunter	Reporter Email:	jeff.hunter@dallaspolice.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Cody

Middle Name:

Last Name: Watkins

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/27/1990 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/28/2024 6:48 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/28/2024 8:50 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:	5850 Belt Line Road	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75254

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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:

Aggravated Assault - Family Violence

Offense 2:

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:

Knife, Machete

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; Injured 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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?:	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:

On 06/28/24 at approximately 6:48pm, Involved Officers were dispatched to a major disturbance where a female caller stated that her ex-boyfriend was hurting her. The female caller stated that the male suspect had knives and a machete and threatened her and her dog. Responding officers found the homeless encampment in the woods where the disturbance took place and were confronted by the suspect who still had the female caller as a hostage. After a brief verbal interaction the suspect, the officers were able to get close enough to the tent and pull the female hostage to safety. Involved officers and witness officers attempted to deescalate the altercation by giving the suspect commands to come out the tent and surrender. The suspect refused the commands from the officers numerous times while holding an approximately (5) inch bladed knife. After verbal commands were unsuccessful, the officers used less than lethal force by spraying the suspect with pepper spray and then using the 40 mm stinger. The suspect screamed, "Why don't ya'll just kill me then". The suspect immediately lunged his body out the tent towards the officers while holding the knife. Officers then discharged their service weapons, striking the suspect. The shooting occurred at approximately 8:07pm. The officers immediately administered first aid and called for Dallas Fire and Rescue. The suspect was transported to Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. The female caller was transported to Medical City of Dallas for minor injuries. At approximately 8:50pm, suspect Watkins was pronounced dead by hospital medical staff.