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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-435-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/3/2024 3:30 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Galveston County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	601 54th St., Ste 2100
Agency City:	Galveston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77551		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Henry
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Trochesset		
Reporter Name:	James Nolen	Reporter Email:	ray.nolen@galvestoncountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Alfred

Middle Name: Christopher

Last Name: Tornero

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/12/1993 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/27/2024 11:25 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/27/2024 11:39 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide - Single Gunshot Wound to the Head

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?: Decedent

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: 2602 21st North
City: Texas City
County: Galveston
Zip: 77590

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Parking Lot of Ashton Park Apartments

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:

Solicitation of a Minor

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: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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: Discharged firearm

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	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:	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:

Decedent was previously engaged in an electronic chat operation with an undercover law enforcement officer that the decedent believed was a 14-year-old girl. When the decedent arrived in his vehicle at the apartments where he believed the 14 y/o to be located, his vehicle was immediately approached from the rear by uniformed law enforcement officers in clearly marked patrol vehicles. The decedent was then given several verbal commands to exit the vehicle with his hands up and failed to comply with the commands. The law enforcement officers then verbally informed the decedent that they were going to deploy less lethal pepper irritant powder projectiles (Byrna) into the vehicle if he did not follow commands. The decedent continued to not follow the officer's instructions and the command was then given to deploy the pepper ball rounds into the vehicle. In-vehicle video shows that at the same time that pepper ball rounds are being deployed into the decedent's vehicle, it appears that the decedent retrieves a handgun from within the vehicle and proceeds to shoot himself in the head committing suicide.