KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-669-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/9/2024 3:13 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Galveston Police Dept.	Agency Address:	601 54th Street
Agency City:	Galveston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77551		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Doug
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Balli		
Reporter Name:	Larry Chambers	Reporter Email:	lchambers@galvestontx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jesse

Middle Name: David

Last Name: Hartman

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/5/1984 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: 5/8/2024 3:38 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/8/2024 3:39 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

"Multiple 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:	11149 FM3005	City:	Galveston
County:	Galveston	Zip:	77554

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

Location Category: Business

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?:	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:

Agg Assault on Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Burglary of Habitation

Offense 3:

POCS PG1

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:	Crime Against Property

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?:	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):	Yes	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?:	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:	Unknown	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:

On 5-8-2024 Officers from the Galveston Police Department received a call at 1515 Ave G in reference to a suspicious person. The home owner advised that he and his wife live at 1515 Winnie St. Mr. Cotton said they were across the street cleaning their vacation rental. When they finished, they returned home to find a white male inside of their house, when asked what he was doing there, he told them he was looking for his cell phone. Mr. Cotton and his wife told him his phone was not inside their house and he became argumentative with them. They told him to leave and after calling for police assistance, he left the location. Cotton also stated he thought the white male may have been on some kind of narcotic. He described the white male as wearing a black shirt and a black ball cap with the bill turned up. Cotton also stated the subject got on to a blue "Harley Davidson" type of motorcycle and left the area.

Some time later, Mr. Cotton located the suspect in the area of 2900 Seawall and again called the Galveston police department regarding said individual. Hearing the suspect information broadcast over the main channel multiple officers began checking the Seawall and Officer Fasolino observed a subject matching the description entering Woody's Bar at 11149 FM 3005. Moments later Officer Fasolino, Woodworth, and Wilson made contact with the described individual inside the bar. When Officers attempted to detain the suspect a

struggle ensued and he pulled a handgun from his waistband firing a round. Officers then engaged the suspect returning fire, incapacitating the suspect. He succumbed to his wounds shortly afterwards and was confirmed deceased by GFD.

None of the officers or bar patrons were harmed during the incident and the scene was immediately secured and all potential witnesses remained on scene. CID, ID, GCSO ID, CID, Galveston County DA's office, and DPS Rangers were all summoned to the scene and completed their part of the investigation.