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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-691-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/15/2024 3:46 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Balcones Heights Police Dept.	Agency Address:	3300 Hillcrest Dr.
Agency City:	Balcones Heights	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78201		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	John
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Jahanara		
Reporter Name:	John Jahanara	Reporter Email:	jjahanara@bhtx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Maria

Middle Name: Lamar

Last Name: Prator

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/23/1974 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/12/2024 8:21 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/12/2024 9:03 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:	205 N. Crossroads BLVD	City:	Balcones Heights
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78201

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:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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:

Criminal Mischief

Offense 2:

Assault on a Public Servant

Offense 3:

Assault on Public Servant

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Subject was observed loitering (camping) on private property and was told to leave. Subject them damaged Officer #1 patrol vehicle with a homemade weapon by breaking the back window. Subject then attempted to attach Officer #1 and backup Officer #2.

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Tie strap with metal hook attached with scissors.

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?:	Yes	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:	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 April 12, 2024 at approximately 20:21 hours, Officer #1 observed subject loitering on private property (location of incident) and informed her she needed to vacate the premises. Subject then proceeded to break the rear window of Officer #1 patrol unit with a homemade weapon (tie strap-metal hook attached with scissors) she was swinging over and around her body. Officer #1 attempted to deescalate the situation by issuing multiple verbal commands for the Subject to place the "weapon" down and get on the ground but was unsuccessful. Officer #1 resorted to his non-lethal Taser where he deployed 1 Taser cartridge towards the Subject, but it was ineffective. At this time, Officer #1 notified dispatch of what was occurring. It is at this time Officer #2 arrived shortly after and proceeded to assist Officer #1 by trying to deescalate the incident, asking the Subject for her name and ordering her to release the weapon. It is at this time Officer #2 deployed his non-lethal Taser and deployed 1 Taser cartridge towards the Subject. He also observed it was ineffective. Officer #2 communicated with Officer #1 informing him to retry his Taser again which they both observed it was ineffective again. At this time the Subject advanced towards Officer #2 swinging the homemade weapon towards him. After less than 10 yards the Subject stopped her forward progress. At this time Officer #2 transitioned from his non-lethal Taser to his duty weapon, verbally informing Officer #1. The Subject then proceeded to advance towards Officer #1 swinging the homemade weapon towards him. It is at this time Officer #2 fired 2 rounds from his duty issued pistol, stopping the Subject, striking her in the neck and upper shoulder. Both officers proceeded to provide medical care for the Subject while they waited for medical staff to arrive. The subject was then transported to a local hospital by medical staff where we were notified shortly after, she passed from the injuries she sustained from the incident.