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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-775-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/3/2024 11:00 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Austin Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 689001
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78768		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Lisa
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Davis		
Reporter Name:	Daryl Bone	Reporter Email:	daryl.bone@austintexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Alfonso

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gonzales

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/2/1988 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/21/2024 12:36 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/21/2024 5:21 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 wound of head

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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:	8101 Salt Springs Drive	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78744

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: Medical facility

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:

Attempted Capital Murder

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: 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; Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

The descendant had made an improvised incendiary device by pouring lighter fluid into a container with a rag (commonly referred to as a Molotov cocktail).

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; Attempted to injure 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?:	Yes
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?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
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:

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at approximately 12:36 p.m., APD officers spotted a stolen vehicle in the 8000 block of Salt Springs Drive. The vehicle pulled into a Texaco gas station located at 8101 Salt Springs Drive. The vehicle parked and the suspect, who was the only occupant of the stolen vehicle and later identified as Alfonso Gonzales, entered the gas station store.

Officers attempted to make contact with Mr. Gonzales in the parking lot of the Texaco, however, Mr. Gonzales

turned away from officers and entered the store. As officers entered the store to make contact with Mr. Gonzales, they observed him with a gun in his hand. Officers then gave Mr. Gonzales commands to drop the gun. When he did not comply, officers backed out of the store and initiated a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) response since Mr. Gonzales was armed and barricaded inside the store.

When officers spoke to an employee who had fled the store, they confirmed that another employee was trapped inside of the store in a locked office.

In addition to APD, the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), the Austin Fire Department (AFD), and Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services (A/TCEMS) responded with personnel as this incident lasted several hours. As other resources continued to respond to the scene, officers observed Mr. Gonzales pacing inside the store with a gun in his hand. They also observed him pouring lighter fluid on the counter and heard him making suicidal threats.

As soon as feasible, APD hostage negotiators, who have Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, made contact with the suspect via phone and public address (PA) systems. Negotiators urged Mr. Gonzales to come out of the store peacefully. At various times during these discussions, Mr. Gonzales refused to comply, threatened violence toward officers, and confirmed that he knew another person was inside the store.

At several points during the incident, Mr. Gonzales fired his gun at officers, and they observed him continuing to pour lighter fluid inside the store while holding a lighter in his hand. Officers attempted alternative routes in order to evacuate the employee trapped inside the store, but Mr. Gonzales threatened to shoot the officers that came near the building. In an attempt to de-escalate the situation and continue to negotiate with Mr. Gonzales, the officers backed away.

During the incident, APD officers fired pepper ball rounds into the store and at Mr. Gonzales in an attempt to gain compliance. Mr. Gonzales continued to fail to comply with the officers' commands to drop the gun and leave the store.

At approximately 4:49 p.m., officers observed Mr. Gonzales, with the gun still in hand, making an improvised incendiary device by pouring lighter fluid into a container with a rag (commonly referred to as a Molotov cocktail). Officers determined Mr. Gonzales' incendiary device, especially if used in the area where he had poured lighter fluid, posed an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the employee still trapped in the store.

At approximately 4:50 p.m., an APD officer discharged their Department-issued firearm and struck Mr. Gonzales. After the officer discharged their firearm, officers entered the store to rescue the uninjured employee who was trapped in the store.

Officers then secured Mr. Gonzales and rendered medical aid to him. At approximately 5:01 p.m., Mr. Gonzales was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased at 5:21 p.m.

No officers or other members of the public were injured during the incident.