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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-123-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	2/12/2025 4:46 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Fort Worth Police Dept.	Agency Address:	505 W. Felix St.
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76115		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Neil
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Noakes		
Reporter Name:	Laura Walter	Reporter Email:	laura.walter@fortworthtexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Nicholas

Middle Name: Scott

Last Name: Sides

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/11/1989 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 1/30/2025 4:17 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/30/2025 8:23 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 pending

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

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?: 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:	1725 Skyline Drive	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76114

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

Aggravated Assault - Deadly Weapon - Public Servant

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest/Detention - with Vehicle

Offense 3:

Felon in Possession of a Weapon

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; Alcohol / drug offense; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Crimes against society (Felon in possession of a weapon, Evading Arrest/Det w/Veh)

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 firearm without discharge; 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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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 Thursday, January 20, 2025, Lake Worth PD officers initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle driven by Nicholas Sides. During the stop, Sides fled from the officers in the vehicle. He crashed into a residential fence, exited the vehicle, and fired a handgun at the officers. He then reentered the vehicle and fled again, driving to 1725 Skyline Dr, where he went inside and refused to come out. After a three-hour long standoff, Sides exited the

house with a handgun pointed at his head. He ignored officers' commands to stop walking forward. Officer E. Mekosh fired less lethal rounds at Sides. Sides then pointed the handgun in Officer Mekosh's direction and fired multiple times. Officer K. Watson then fired his rifle at Sides, striking him. Sides was transported to John Peter Smith Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.