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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-357-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/9/2025 2:14 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Mexia Police Dept.	Agency Address:	211 N. Sherman
Agency City:	Mexia	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76667		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Heath
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Crossland		
Reporter Name:	Heath Crossland	Reporter Email:	h.crossland@cityofmexia.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name:	Darius
Middle Name:	Cordel
Last Name:	Brewer
Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	2/17/1995
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black or African American
Age At Time Of Death:	29

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:	2/5/2025 9:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time:	2/5/2025 9:20 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:

Gun Shot

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:	500 Kaufman St.	City:	Mexia
County:	Limestone	Zip:	76667

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:

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:

Aggravated assault on a peace officer w/ deadly weapon

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:	Violent Crime Against Persons

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;

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
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):	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:

On February 5th 2025 at approximately 920pm officers were dispatched to a shots fired call in the area of E. Sumpter St.. While patrolling the area, officers were advised a possible location of the suspect, later identified as Brewer, Darius. At the intersection of E. Grayson and N. Kaufman St. officers encountered the suspect. At that time they turned on their lights including the overhead red and blue lights. Before officers could get the vehicles into park, Brewer turned and faced them and raised an assault rifle and fired several rounds in the direction of the two officers. The vehicles the officers were in were shot and disabled. Officers returned fire and Brewer fled into a vacant house nearby. From a hidden position the suspect fired at the officers again. Officers from surrounding agencies arrived and provided support. One officer responding drove in front of the location where Brewer was hiding and Brewer fired at the officer. There would be an exchange of gun fire on

more than one occasion. At one time after an exchange of gun fire, Brewer retreated into the vacant house. A deputy from Limestone County S.O. was in a position to see Brewer. Fearing for his life and the lives of the others on the scene, this deputy fired two rounds which struck Brewer.