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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-733-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/16/2025 8:45 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:	Becky Briegel	Reporter Email:	becky.briegel@austintexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Raymond

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Howard

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 3/18/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/28/2025 5:26 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/28/2025 5:46 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:	1807 W. Slaughter Lane	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78748

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 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?:	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:

Burglary of a Habitation (1st Degree Felony)

Offense 2:

Deadly Conduct (3rd Degree Felony)

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

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):	Unknown	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:	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:

In early August, APD Burglary detectives identified a suspect, Raymond Lee Howard, born March 18, 1992. Over the course of the month, Mr. Howard committed multiple offenses, including residential burglaries and home invasions, during which various personal property items and firearms were stolen.

On Wednesday, August 27, 2025, Mr. Howard committed a burglary of habitation with a handgun where the owner was present. Due to the elevated risk posed by Mr. Howard, Burglary detectives requested assistance from the Major Crimes Suppression Unit (MCSU).

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, at approximately 5:00 p.m., MSCU detectives conducted a fugitive apprehension operation at 1807 West Slaughter Lane in an effort to take Mr. Howard into custody.

When MCSU detectives arrived at the location, they observed an individual matching the description of Mr. Howard arrive on a motorcycle. Approximately ten minutes later, detectives were able to positively identify the suspect as Mr. Howard.

At approximately 5:26 p.m., Detective Gonzalez, Detective Pruitt, and Detective Cardona entered the

business located at 1807 West Slaughter Lane and made contact with Mr. Howard. Officers gave verbal commands for Mr. Howard to get on the ground, and he did not comply. Mr. Howard turned away from the detectives, towards a bystander inside the business, and pulled out a handgun from a crossbody bag. The bystander intervened and physically engaged Mr. Howard, who was still holding the handgun. The bystander later told detectives that he was in fear due to Mr. Howard's actions prior to the shooting, which led the bystander to physically restraining him.

Despite repeated verbal commands from police, Mr. Howard failed to comply, raised the handgun, and discharged at least one round while falling to floor still physically engaged with the bystander. Detectives discharged their Department-issued firearms, striking Mr. Howard. Detectives detained Mr. Howard and attempted to render aid, but Mr. Howard was pronounced deceased at 5:46 p.m.

The bystander was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, where he was treated and released. No officers or additional individuals were injured in the incident.