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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16090C	Report Date:	3/9/2016 10:48 AM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	33	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Azle Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX2200200
Agency Phone:	8174443221	Agency Address:	613 S.E. Pkwy
Agency City:	Azle	Agency County:	Tarrant
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	76020

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Rick

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Pippins

Reporter Name:	Rick Pippins	Reporter Email:	rpippins@cityofazle.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 633 Alameda

City: Azle

County: Tarrant

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody:

Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Custody of Peace Officer during/fleeing arrest

Custody Type Facility:

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: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mark

Middle Name: Damien

Last Name: Minnick

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/18/1964 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 3/6/2016 9:38 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

3/6/2016 8:21 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death:

Justifiable Homicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Don\'t know

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple 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 staff

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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

General Information

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:

Deadly Conduct

Offense 2:

Discharging a Firearm

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by Officer

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or

Exhibit any mental health

drugs):	No	problems?:	

Exhibit any medical problems?:

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Threaten the officer(s) involved:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Try to escape/flee from custody:	No	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No

Other Behavior:

Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	1

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 Sunday, March 6, 2016, at approximately 8:21 PM, Azle Police Department officers responded to a report of a man firing a gun in the 600 block of Alameda Road in Azle. When the first officer arrived, he encountered a white male subject who was armed with a handgun. The officer ordered the man to drop the weapon. Instead, the subject advanced toward the officer and pointed the weapon at him. The officer then discharged his department issued sidearm, striking the subject multiple times in the torso. An Azle Fire Department ambulance was summoned immediately, as responding police officers administered emergency first aid to the subject. The man was taken by ambulance to the Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle helipad, where they were met by a care-flight helicopter which flew the subject to John Peter Smith Hospital. At approximately 9:38 PM the man was pronounced dead at JPS Hospital. The Tarrant County Medical

Examiner’s Office was notified. At approximately 8:55 PM, Azle Police Department made contact with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers. Texas Rangers from Company “B” will take the lead in the investigation of the officer involved shooting, assisted by Azle Police Department investigators and the Tarrant County Sheriff’s Department Crime Scene Unit. The name of the officer and the name of the deceased are not being released at this time, pending further investigation and notification of next of kin. This information may be forthcoming in a supplemental news release. Further information regarding the criminal investigation should be referred to the Texas Rangers.