KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16118C	Report Date:	3/23/2016 12:25 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	268	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Farmers Branch Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX0571000
Agency Phone:	9724843620	Agency Address:	3723 Valley View Lane
Agency City:	Farmers Branch	Agency County:	Dallas
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	75244

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Sidney

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Fuller

Reporter Name: Lt. Phillip Foxall Reporter Email: phillip.foxall@farmersbranchtx.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 14300 Marsh Lane

City: Addison

County: Dallas

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:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

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 the crime/arrest scene

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name: Raul

Last Name: Cruz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/1/1999 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 3/13/2016 7:08 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

3/13/2016 7:08 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:

Other Homicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Injuries only

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot Wounds to chest and 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 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:

Burglary Motor Vehicle

Offense 2:

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 drugs):	No	Exhibit any mental health 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):	0

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 March 13, 2016 at about 7:08pm off-duty Farmers Branch Police Officer Ken Johnson was attempting to take Jose Cruz into custody after Cruz committed a Burglary of Motor Vehicle of Officer Johnson's vehicle. Officer Johnson was subseqently following Cruz and accidently struck Cruz's vehicle causing an accident. During the attempted arrest Cruz made a movement that Officer Johnson perceived as a threat to his life and he fired at Cruz striking him in the head and left arm/chest causing his death.