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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16193C	Report Date:	5/12/2016 3:03 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	849	Department Type:	STAGENCY
Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Number:	TX0000000
Agency Phone:	5124242890	Agency Address:	P. O. Box 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency County:	Travis
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	78773

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Colonel

Director First Name:

Steven

Director Middle Name:

C.

Director Last Name:

McCraw

Reporter Name: Lt. Ruben Garcia Reporter Email: ruben.garcia@dps.texas.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: TX-71
30.714278,-98.625833

City: N/A

County: Llano

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 the crime/arrest scene

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jefrey

Middle Name: Gray

Last Name: Wise

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/19/1963 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 4/13/2016 5:20 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

4/13/2016 5:04 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)

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Injuries only

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?:

Deceased

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:

Attempted Capital Murder

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):	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 04/13/16 at 4:37 p.m., law enforcement was contacted by Austin PD/Violent Crime Detectives, who were assisting Lake Charles, Louisiana Police Department/FBI, in locating a white male suspected of committing bank robberies in Lake Charles in March and April, 2016. The suspect, Jeffery Gray Wise, was convicted of committing two (2) bank robberies in Williamson County, Texas in 2013, and was currently on Federal probation/parole.

Austin Detectives began tracking Wise's movements via his cellular telephone, placing him in Llano. Sergeant Joseph Stephens was contacted by cellular telephone and advised of the situation.

At approximately 5:07 p.m., Sgt. Stephens was traveling east on Hwy 71, approximately 5 miles east of Llano when he observed Jeffery Wise pass him traveling west, towards Llano. Sgt. Stephens notified Llano County area officers/troopers before initiating a traffic stop.

Wise eventually pulled to the side of the roadway where Sgt. Stephens and the two Llano County Deputies conducted a "felony stop". Officers repeatedly ordered Wise to raise his hands. Wise refused to comply and began opening a blue gym bag strapped to the motorcycle seat. Officers continued to yell at Wise ordering him not to reach into the bag. Wise then pulled out a Ruger .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol and raised it up in the officers' direction. Sgt. Stephens and both Llano County Deputies fired their respective duty pistols, striking Wise. Wise fell to the ground and can be seen on video moving around in front of the motorcycle and eventually raising his .40 caliber handgun to his temple and firing one shot. EMS arrived quickly afterwards and Wise showed no signs of life.

Per autopsy report....the decedent died as a result of gunshot wounds. The gunshot wound of the left side of the head is most likely self-inflicted since the distance of the wound is near contact. The ranges of the other wounds are unable to be determined. Because the decedent was also shot by other person(s), the manner of the death is homicide.