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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16261C	Report Date:	6/21/2016 3:35 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	678	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Port Arthur Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX1230700
Agency Phone:	4099838600	Agency Address:	P. O. Box 1089
Agency City:	Port Arthur	Agency County:	Jefferson
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	77641

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Weldon

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Dunlap

Reporter Name: Sgt. Ken Carona Reporter Email: kcarona@portarthurpd.com

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3700 Hwy 365

City: Port Arthur

County: Jefferson

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: John

Middle Name: Michael

Last Name: Briscoe

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/1/1963 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 6/9/2016 9:15 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

6/9/2016 9:15 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:

Justifiable Homicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Injuries only

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:

Attempted Capital Murder of a Police Officer

Offense 2:

Aggravated Robbery

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):	Yes	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:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Try to escape/flee from custody:	Yes	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:

~~Officers responded to an Aggravated Robbery with a handgun at a Walgreens store. Officers received information prior to their arrival that the suspect had fired a round inside the store but did not know if anyone had been hurt. Ofc. Goss arrived and saw a B/M running from the store matching the description of the suspect. This suspect would later be identified as John Briscoe. As Officer Goss got closer, he could see Briscoe with a wad of money in his left hand and a dark handgun in his right hand. Ofc. Goss exited his patrol car and began chasing Briscoe on foot. Ofc. Goss had his weapon drawn in self- defense mode and began giving verbal commands of, “Get on the ground and show me your hands.” Briscoe ignored his

commands and kept fleeing with the money in one hand and the handgun in the other. Officer Goss continued to pursue and give commands of, “Stop, get on the ground and show me your hands.” Briscoe continued to ignore the commands and on at least 2 occasions would turn his head around and look at Officer Goss but had a glazed look on his face like he was looking through Officer Goss. At this point, Officer Goss believed Briscoe may be in an altered state of mind or intoxicated on some type of substance. Officer Fontnette arrived to assist Officer Goss. As they were running after Briscoe, Officer Fontnette deployed a Taser but it had no effect on Briscoe. The 2 officers were now approx. 15 feet away from Briscoe as Briscoe stopped facing away from them. Officer Goss could still the wad of money in the left hand and the handgun down by his side in his right hand. Briscoe still ignored commands to get on the ground and show his hands. Briscoe then started to turn in the direction of the officers with the handgun still in his hand and Officer Goss yelled, “No!” but Briscoe kept turning. Officer Goss fired an unknown number of rounds at Briscoe striking him multiple times and Briscoe fell to the ground. Emergency medical personnel were called and attempted to revive Briscoe but he was deceased.