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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16428C	Report Date:	9/26/2016 4:27 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	257	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Ennis Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX0700100
Agency Phone:	9728751234	Agency Address:	P. O. Box 220
Agency City:	Ennis	Agency County:	Ellis
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	75120

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

John

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Erisman

Reporter Name:	John Erisman	Reporter Email:	jerisman@ennistx.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1700 N Kaufman

City: Ennis

County: Ellis

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: Moses

Middle Name:

Last Name: Ruben

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/19/1980 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 9/5/2016 9:24 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

9/5/2016 9:24 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:

Injuries only

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gun Shot Wound

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

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:	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:

~~On September 5, 2016 at approximately 9:00 p.m., an Ennis Police Department Patrol Officer stopped a 2003 Honda Civic in the 1700 block of N. Kaufman St. in Ennis. The officer made contact with a 36-year-old male, identified as Moses Ruben of Dallas, Tx. Ruben was stopped for speeding, 59 mph in a 35 mph zone. Upon contact with Ruben, the officer learned that Moses Ruben had an invalid drivers license and had active arrest warrants out of two Texas cities. Officers advised Ruben of his outstanding warrants, told him he was being arrested and requested that he exit his vehicle. Moses Ruben refused to cooperate with the officer’s directions. After backup officers arrived, Ruben made an attempt to escape apprehension by ramming his vehicle into two Ennis squad cars, narrowly missing officers as they tried to avoid being struck by his vehicle. Ruben again attempted to drive his vehicle in the direction of officers, putting them at risk of death or serious bodily injury. Two officers fired a total of three shots striking Ruben at least once. EMS was called to the scene and determined Ruben was deceased. Moses Ruben was pronounced dead at the scene by

Justice of the Peace, Bill Woody, and taken to the Dallas County Medical Examiner’s Office for autopsy. At the request of the Ennis Police Department, the Texas Rangers will be conducting an investigation. The involved officers have been placed on administrative leave, as per departmental policy.