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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16473C	Report Date:	10/17/2016 12:38 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	200	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Dallas Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TXDPD0000
Agency Phone:	2146713654	Agency Address:	1400 S. Lamar Street
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency County:	Dallas
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	75215

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

David

Director Middle Name:

O.

Director Last Name:

Brown

Reporter Name:	Sergeant Joseph G. Garza, #5952	Reporter Email:	joseph.garza@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 300 East Brownlee

City: Dallas

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:

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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: George

Middle Name:

Last Name: Zapata

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/20/1990

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 10/14/2016 11:32 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

10/14/2016 6:50 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:

Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault

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:	No	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No

Other Behavior:

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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 October 14, 2016, at approximately 6:50 p.m., Dallas Police Officers were conducting a property crime investigation in the 300 block of East Brownlee Avenue. During the course of the investigation Senior Corporal Robert McMillin, #7246, observed a shooting in progress. Senior Corporal McMillin observed Subject George Zapata shoot Victim Miguel Angel Rangel LM 11-19-1995 in the upper chest with a large caliber

handgun. Senior Corporal McMillin, driving an unmarked police vehicle and in plain clothes, stopped his vehicle, exited, identified himself as a police officer, shouted for Subject Zapata to drop the weapon and engaged Subject Zapata with gunfire. During this shooting incident Subject Zapata also shot a second Victim identified as Diego Ramos Ordonez, LM 08-15-1994, with a handgun. Senior Corporal McMillin was able to stop the threat.

During the gunfire Senior Corporal McMillin sustained a gunshot wound to the right foot and was transported to Baylor Hospital. The officers injuries are not life threatening.

The Subject Zapata and the two additional victims were taken to Methodist Central Hospital by Dallas Fire Rescue. Subject Zapata and Victim Rangel are deceased. Victim Ordonez is in surgery.

The subject’s handgun was recovered at the scene.

The above account of this incident was corroborated by independent witnesses.