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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 22-492-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 10/17/2022 4:34 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Harris County Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ed

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gonzalez

Reporter Name: Jeffery Vickery

Reporter Email: jeffery.vickery@sheriff.hctx.net

## Decedent Information

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## Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Ronnie

Middle Name: Dwayne

Last Name: Cesear

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 3/16/1995

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African  
American

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 4/10/2022 4:30 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 4/17/2022 10:34  
AM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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Medical Examiner/Coroner  
Evaluation?: Yes, results are  
available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

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Homicide (includes

Manner of Death: Justifiable  
Homicide)

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of penetrating gunshot wound of torso with perforations of bowel with necrotizing fasciitis and sepsis

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

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Medical Treatment: Yes

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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Who caused the death?: Unknown person(s)  
caused the injury

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of weapon that caused death?: Unknown

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

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Means of Death: Unknown

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 1504 Ben Taub  
Loop

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77030

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

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Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

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Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use  
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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):

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Entry Date Time: 4/5/2022 3:55 AM

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

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Offense 1:

Capital Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault-Public Servant

Offense 3:

Aggravated Assault-Deadly Weapon x2

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of Offense: Violent Crime  
Against Persons

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify;;  
Used vehicle as weapon

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Knife

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Killed civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

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 April 5, 2022, Houston Police Department officers responded to an assault in progress and observed an unconscious bleeding person lying on the ground and a truck crashed into a leasing office. HPD officers located the suspect holding a knife and repeatedly ordered him to drop it. The suspect refused and advanced towards officers with the knife raised. Officers discharged their handguns and shot the suspect twice. Houston Fire Department paramedics arrived and transported the suspect to Ben Taub Hospital. An additional civilian was stabbed and survived his injuries.

On April 10, 2022, the Harris County Sheriff's Office assumed care, custody, and control of the suspect at Ben Taub Hospital. On April 17, 2022, a medical doctor pronounced the suspect deceased with a preliminary cause of death as Anoxic Brain Injury.