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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-1362-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 6/30/2020 9:46 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Temple Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 209 E. Avenue A.

Agency City: Temple

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76501

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: James

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Tobin

Reporter Name: Robert Mallett

Reporter Email: rmallett@templetx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Lorenzo

Last Name: Dean

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/5/1991

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 12/2/2019 8:12 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/2/2019 8:26 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)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to the head

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

Medical Treatment: No

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

Who caused the death?: Law
enforcement/correctional
personnel

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

Type of weapon that caused
death?: 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

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3200 block of Little
River rd

City: Temple

County: Bell

Zip: 76502

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

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):

Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

General Information

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

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?

Offense 1:

Evading in a Vehicle

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Speeding
Evading in a Vehicle

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

Decedent display/use of weapons: No

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or

drugs):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	No

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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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 12-02-19 at approximately 2012hrs, Officer Carmen DeCruz was running radar in the area of Blackland Rd Temple Tx. Bell County. Officer DeCruz observed a Gray PT Cruiser speeding and initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, and sole occupant, later identified as Michael Dean, refused to stop for the officer and a short pursuit ensued. Michael Dean brought his vehicle to a stop at the intersection of E. HWY 190 and the 3200 block of Little River Rd. Officer DeCruz exited his vehicle and made contact with Michael Dean. There was an altercation of some sort between Officer DeCruz and Michael Dean. During this altercation, Officer DeCruz's service weapon discharged striking Michael Dean. Officer DeCruz initiated life-saving measures to no avail.

The Texas Rangers were called to the scene to investigate the shooting and posses key elements of the investigation.