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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 20-277-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL  
VERSION

Report Date: 3/23/2020 4:33 PM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Garland Police  
Dept.

Agency Address: 1891 Forest Lane

Agency City: Garland

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75042

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Jeff

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Bryan

Reporter Name: Shawn Roten

Reporter Email: [rotens@garlandtx.gov](mailto:rotens@garlandtx.gov)

## Decedent Information

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## Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Van

Middle Name: Dung

Last Name: Nguyen

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/22/1969

Sex: Male

Race: Asian or Pacific  
Islander

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 3/13/2020 2:45 AM

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

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Death Date and Time: 3/13/2020 2:45 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  
pending

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

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Manner of Death: Homicide (includes  
Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Homicide - multiple rifle wounds.

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: No

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

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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)

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Type of weapon that caused  
death?: Rifle/shotgun

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?: 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?

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Means of Death: Firearm

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 1914 Vail Drive

City: Garland

County: Dallas

Zip: 75044

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

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Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Scene of incident

## General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: No

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:

Aggravate Assault - Deadly Weapon

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: 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?

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

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed firearm without discharge;  
Discharged firearm

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

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?: apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure 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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
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 March 13, at approximately midnight, the Garland Police Department received a 911 call from a residence in the 1900 block of Vail Dr. reporting a disturbance involving a gun. Garland officers responded and attempted to communicate with individuals that could be heard inside of the

garage. While attempting to communicate with people in the garage, officers heard multiple rounds being fired inside the garage and at the officers through the garage door. After shots were fired, officers observed three individuals fleeing from the house and learned a 7-year-old child was still trapped inside of the house, sleeping in a front bedroom. Fearing for the safety of the child, SWAT officers entered the house in an attempt to safely rescue the child.

During the rescue attempt, the suspect confronted the officers with a pistol. One of the SWAT officers, a 5-year veteran of the Garland Police Department, discharged his weapon striking the subject. Garland Medics were on scene and provided immediate medical aid. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The subject was determined to be armed with two pistols.

A search was conducted of the house and the child was found unharmed in the bedroom.