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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-131-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	3/21/2017 3:53 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Littlefield Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1267
Agency City:	Littlefield	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79339		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Albert
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Garcia		
Reporter Name:	Albert Garcia	Reporter Email:	agarcia@lfdtx.city

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ramon

Middle Name: F

Last Name: Chavira

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/8/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/6/2017 6:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/6/2017 6:58 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot to abdomen

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?: Decedent

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:	100 Blk E. Marshall Howard Blvd	City:	Littlefield
County:	Lamb	Zip:	79339

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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: Dead on arrival at medical facility

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:

Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Attempted Murder

Offense 3:

Aggravated Assault w / Motor Vehicle

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:	Discharged firearm; Used vehicle as weapon

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

Attempt to Injure Others?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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:	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 the date of 03/06/2017, Officers with the Lamb County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to the City of Sudan in reference to person that was shooting at a vehicle and a home. The vehicle was described as a older model, silver in color van with one male occupant. As the Deputies were gathering information, they discovered the vehicle had been used to ram another vehicle being driving by the victim in the city of Sudan and had damage to the front area. The information was broadcast to Officers with the Littlefield Police department in an attempt to locate the suspect that was last seen traveling east on State Hwy 84. An off duty officer heard the radio call and was in the area observing traffic as it was passing through the city. During that time he noticed a vehicle matching the description given traveling east in the 100 Blk of Marshall Howard Blvd (St.Hwy 84). The officer engaged his emergency lights in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle slowed and began to veer to the right as if to stop on the shoulder of the highway. The vehicle continued off the roadway striking a traffic sign and coming to a complete stop in the grassy shoulder of the roadway. Two Littlefied Police Officers attempted to conduct a felony traffic stop by utilizing their vehicles as

cover and their PA system to give the driver commands to exit his vehicle. The driver did not comply to the commands. During this time, one of the officers advised the driver appeared to be slumped over the wheel. The officers cautiously approached continuing to give the driver verbal commands with no response. One of the officers then opens the driver side door continuing the commands verbally with no response. The officer notices the driver to have what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the abdomen and was unconscious. He then removes the drivers seat-belt and pulls him from the vehicle to perform basic first aid. The officer attempted to stop the bleeding by cutting a portion of the victims shirt sleeve and then used the cloth to apply direct pressure on the wound. As he is performing first-aid, the second officer radioed for ambulance services and also notices a black semi-automatic pistol on the passenger side floorboard. Littilefield EMS arrives shortly after to take over medical treatment of the driver. He was transported to the Lamb Health Care Center by ambulance where he succumbed to his gunshot wound. Because this was an ongoing investigation for the Lamb County Sheriff's Department, the Littlefield Police Department provided assistance with the containment of the scene until it was released to the Sheriff staff then later the Texas Rangers.

At no time did the Littlefield Police Officer have the suspect under arrest or have physical control of the suspect prior to his death. In a preliminary report from the medical examiner, the death was ruled as a suicide from a single self inflicted gunshot to the abdominal area.