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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-200-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	4/18/2017 1:11 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	lupe
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	valdez		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Thomas

Middle Name: Charles

Last Name: Frizzell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/6/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/30/2016 3:27 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/24/2017 7:17 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hanging

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?:	Not Applicable

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:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	111 W. Commerce St.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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

Type of Custody:	County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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:	3/24/2017 6:02 AM

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?:	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:

Aggravated Sexual Assault F-1

Offense 2:

Obstruction or Retaliation F-3

Offense 3:

Criminal Mischief (Hold for Caddo Parrish SO.)

Were the Charges:: Filed

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: 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):	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?:	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 Friday, March 24, 2017, at approximately 6:25 p.m., jail staff located resident Thomas Frizzell (W/M 12-06-1982, 32 yoa) unresponsive and lying nude on his single cell floor. Staff believed that Resident Frizzell had fallen from his bed. Resident Frizzell was housed in the Dallas County Gill-Hernandez Medical Facility, Cell NGSC19, located at 111 W. Commerce ST., City of Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75207. Staff conducted a welfare check and upon entering the cell, they observed a white sheet tide around Resident Frizzell's neck and connected to the medical bedrail. Staff cut the sheet away and started life saving measures. Jail medical staff and Dallas Fire & Rescue (Ambulance unit #18) responded to the scene and continued with life saving measures. Dr. Nguyen, who was conducting a ride along with Dallas Fire & Rescue (Unit #18), pronounced Resident Frizzell deceased at 7:17 p.m.
Detectives from both the Criminal Investigation and Physical Evidence Sections responded to the scene and assumed investigative responsibility. Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and arrived to the scene, IFS-17-05511-ME.
The scene was documented (photographed & evidence collected). Resident Frizzell was transported to the Dallas County M.E.'s Office for a forensic autopsy. On Saturday, March 25, 2017, an autopsy was performed and Examining Pathologist Reade Quinton, M.D. noted in the Cause of Death Report that Resident Thomas Charles Frizzell (W/M 12-06-1984) Cause of Death was HANGING, with Manner of Death as SUICIDE.
Detective B. Fetter #629, Criminal Investigation Section, Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.