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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Address:	PO BOX 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78773		

Director Information

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Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	McCraw		
Reporter Name:	Joanne Scarbrough	Reporter Email:	joanne.scarbrough@dps.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Chad

Middle Name: Evan

Last Name: Capello

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/26/1968 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/13/2017 9:08 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/14/2017 10:14 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Unknown at time of report.

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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	11468 IH 20	City:	Terrell
County:	Kaufman	Zip:	75161

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: 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 Arrest or detention with motor 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:

Traffic violations.

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?: Unknown

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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 10-13-17, Trooper Daniel Koelsch was working routine patrol on IH 20 east bound at the 490 milepost. He observed a motorcycle traveling at 88 mph in a 70 mph zone. Trooper Koelsch then pulled onto the roadway and caught up close enough to the motorcycle to read and check its license plate. The motorcycle registration came back expired. Trooper Koelsch pulled behind the bike and activated his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop for these violations. The motorcycle traveled for a couple miles driving the speed limit but failing to yield. At 9:08 PM, Trooper Koelsch checked in pursuit of the motorcycle which continued east bound on IH 20 driving the speed limit. At approximately the 500 milepost, the bike accelerated to speeds reaching 130 mph. The motorcycle was maneuvering around and through traffic. Trooper Koelsch was able to catch up to the bike as it continued east bound through traffic. The motorcycle then took the Hiram Road/509 exit at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle struck the concrete curb at the end of the exit ramp and the driver lost control. The motorcycle and driver continued sliding across the east frontage road. The driver of the motorcycle came to rest against a street sign in the ditch between the McDonald’s Truck Stop and the frontage road. The motorcycle came to rest in the same ditch several feet away from the driver. The driver of the bike was pronounced dead at Baylor Hospital in Dallas at approximately 10:14 PM. The motorcycle driver was never placed under arrest, handcuffed, or restrained in any physical manner due to his medical condition.