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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-672-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/18/2017 3:26 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Smith County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	227 N. Spring Ave.
Agency City:	Tyler	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75702		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Larry
Director Middle Name:	R		
Director Last Name:	Smith		
Reporter Name:	Larry Smith	Reporter Email:	lsmith@smith-county.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Quincy

Middle Name:

Last Name: Butler

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/21/1973

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/2/2017 11:05 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/21/2017 10:42 AM

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:

Suicide/hanging

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?: 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:	104 South Spring Avenue	City:	Tyler
County:	Smith	Zip:	75702

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:
Jail - single cell

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:	11/2/2017 11:05 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Medical facility

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 Assault with a Deadly Weapon F2

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

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): No

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?:	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 November 8, 2017, at approximately 1:25 pm, a Smith County Inmate was located by a Detention Officer inside a side cell hanging from a ligature. A Code Blue (medical emergency) was called notifying medical and additional personnel to the area of the jail where the incident occurred. A side cell is a cell designed to house a single inmate. The inmate was cut down from the ligature immediately and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation CPR was initiated. Emergency Medical Services and the Tyler Fire Department responded and continued lifesaving efforts. The inmate was transported by EMS to a local hospital where he is listed in very critical condition.
The inmate has been in the Smith County Jail since November 2, 2017 and had been in court today. The inmate was segregated in a side cell due to his being a danger to other inmates. The inmate was also on suicide watch due to answers recorded during his initial booking which indicated he was a suicide risk. He was on a required ten minute observation and had been checked nine minutes prior to being observed hanging.
The Texas Commission on Jail Standards and Texas Rangers have been notified which is standard protocol for the Smith County Jail.

On November 21, 2017 at 10:42am, Inmate Quincy Butler was removed from life support at a local hospital. Quincy Butler subsequently expired as a result of his previous injuries. Smith County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Quincy Beavers held an inquest and ordered an autopsy to be conducted at the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science in Dallas. Per standard Smith County Sheriff's Office protocol, the Texas Rangers are conducting an
independent investigation into this death. No further information is available at this time.