KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-101-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/30/2018 3:11 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Jim Wells County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1286
Agency City:	Alice	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78333		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Daniel
Director Middle Name:	J		
Director Last Name:	Bueno		
Reporter Name:	Luis Valadez	Reporter Email:	l.valadez@jimwellscounty-tx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Marcus

Middle Name:

Last Name: Soza

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/22/1989 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/31/2018 11:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/1/2018 6:38 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:

As per Medical Examiner's Report: Asphyxia secondary to 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:	611 East Third Street	City:	Alice
County:	Jim Wells	Zip:	78332

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 - holding 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:	1/31/2018 11:45 PM

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:

Man/Delivery of a Controlled Substance PG2 >=2g<400g

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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:

Decedent was arrested on January 31, 2018 and brought into the Jim Wells County Jail at approximately 11:45 PM. The decedent was booked into the County Jail and was placed in a holding cell with decedent's friend. On the day of February 1, 2018, a local Justice of the Peace arrived and magistrated all subjects. Subjects were allowed their phone calls and decedent's friend was released on bond. Decedent was alone in the holding cell awaiting bondsman/release. During a cell check, decedent was found hanging by one of his articles of clothing from the cell bar. Other jail and nursing staff were immediately called to the scene and CPR/Life Support was initiated at approximately 3:57 PM. Decedent was taken to the hospital by ambulance and life support was still continuous. Decedent succumbed to injuries and was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Juan Rodriguez at 6:38 PM.