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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-1083-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	11/7/2018 4:06 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Swisher County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	136 E. Broadway
Agency City:	Tulia	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79088		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Jim
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Mccaslin		
Reporter Name:	Brandon Franco	Reporter Email:	b.franco@swisher-tx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Leeland

Middle Name: Lawrence

Last Name: Hackbarth

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/20/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/20/2018 4:24 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/15/2018 5:48 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:

Asphyxia by Hanging

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:	Yes

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:	136 E. Broadway	City:	Tulia
County:	Swisher	Zip:	79088

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	4/4/2018 4:24 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:

Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crimes Against Child(ren)

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 October 10, 2018 at approximately 5:20 Mr. Leeland Hackbarth was found hanging in his shower cell by other inmates. Mr. Hackbarth tore a strip of his mattress cover and used it as a hanging device while in the shower. Mr. Hackbarth waited till shift change before entering the shower and hanging himself. All inmates in his cell we under the assumption that Mr. Hackbarth was showering at the time of the incident. EMS and Law Enforcement responded and Mr. Hackbarth was pronounced deceased at approximately 5:48 pm by our Justice of the Peace Judge Sharla Miller. The Texas Rangers were informed and are in charge of the investigation.