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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Somervell County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 3268
Agency City:	Glen Rose	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76043		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief Deputy	Director First Name:	Dwayne
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Griffin		
Reporter Name:	Dwayne Griffin	Reporter Email:	dwayne.griffin@co.somervell.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: David

Middle Name: Ingram

Last Name: Byler

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/28/1946 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 71

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/15/2018 4:26 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/15/2018 4:28 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:

Single self inflicted gun shot wound to chest

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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?: Handgun

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: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1021 Holden St	City:	Glen Rose
County:	Somervell	Zip:	76043

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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:

Murder

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:

Stated to 911 telecommunicator he had killed his wife and was now going to commit suicide.

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Discharged firearm

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Yes	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 called 911 and stated that he had shot and killed his wife at their home and he was now in the parking lot of the Glen Rose Medical Center Emergency Room and was going to commit suicide. Deputies responded to the scene and found the caller standing outside of the ER entry in the parking lot with a handgun. The deputy exited his vehicle and held the caller at gun point giving verbal commands for the caller to put down his weapon. The caller refused to drop the weapon and turned the weapon on himself, shooting himself one time in chest. Deputies secured the scene and then requested medical assistance from inside the ER. Decedent succumbed to his self inflicted gun shot wound minutes after the incident. Several hours after the decedent shot himself Deputies located the wife safe at a local hotel.