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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Juvenile Justice Department Office of Inspector General	Agency Address:	PO BOX 12757
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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: George

Middle Name: Matthew

Last Name: Johnson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/16/2001 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 16

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/25/2018 2:22 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/18/2018 10:06 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Preliminary autopsy results are 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:	3801 E. Monte Cristo	City:	Edinburg
County:	Hidalgo	Zip:	78541

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

State Juvenile Secure Facility

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

Type of Custody: Penitentiary

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Texas-Juvenile Justice Department - Facility/Detention Center, specify

Facility/Detention Center:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center

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: 4/25/2018 2:22 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Dead on arrival at 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:

Possession of Controlled Substance

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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:

Residing in post adjudication facility

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):	Unknown	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 May 18, 2018 at approximately 9:18pm, the decedent was discovered by staff to be hanging from an air circulation vent in his assigned cell during a routine room check at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center. The decedent used linens to create a ligature, which he tied around his neck to restrict his airways and circulation. Once discovered, juvenile correctional officers immediately attempted life-saving efforts by providing CPR and utilizing an AED. TJJD also summoned nursing staff by calling a CODE BLUE as well as an ambulance. The decedent was transported to the Doctors Renaissance Hospital in Edinburg where he was pronounced dead at 10:06PM. An autopsy was ordered by Hidalgo County Justice of the Peace Gilbert Saenz, and conducted on by Dr. Norma Farley on May 21, 2018 at 1 :13PM
The Office of the Inspector General conducted a death investigation in cooperation with the Hidalgo County Medical Examiner. This investigation included collecting evidence from the decedent's assigned room, interviewing staff, reviewing video surveillance, reviewing his agency records, and interviewing associated persons. Investigators obtained records which reveal that the decedent was last visually seen alive by staff at 8:37pm. In subsequent' room checks at approximately 8:45pm and 9:00pm, staff indicated that the decedent

had covered his door window with paper. Interviews of staff and a review of video surveillance have revealed no other persons entering the room immediately prior his death.
The preliminary autopsy findings reported by the Forensic Pathologist, Dr. Farley, are that the cause of death has been determined to be hanging, and the manner of death has been determined to be a suicide.