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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 18-754-CJ | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 8/30/2018 10:42 AM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Gregg County Sheriff's Dept. | Agency Address: | 101 E. Methvin, Suite 559 |
| Agency City: | Longview | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 75601 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Maxey |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Cerliano | | |
| Reporter Name: | Jeff Callaway | Reporter Email: | jeff.callaway@co.gregg.tx.us |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Tony

Middle Name:

Last Name: Waters

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/13/1962

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/24/2018 4:13 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/28/2018 8:38 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:

Hanging

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

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| Medical Treatment: | No |

## If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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| 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)

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| Means of Death: | Hanging, strangulation |

# Location / Custody Information

## Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 101 E. Methvin Street | City: | Longview |
| County: | Gregg | Zip: | 75601 |

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

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| Location Category: | Law Enforcement Facility |

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

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| Type of Custody: | County Jail |

## Specific type of custody/facility:

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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):

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| Entry Date Time: | 7/24/2018 4:13 PM |

## Where did the death occur?

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| Death Location: | Medical facility |

# 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:

Warrant Capital Murder/Multiple People

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?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

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| 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

### Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Inmate Waters was booked into the Gregg County jail on 7/24/2018 for a Capital Murder warrant out of Smith County, Texas, and for a Parole Revocation warrant out of TDCJ. At booking, it was believed that waters was charged with killing a minor and was placed in a separation cell for his own protection as a result; he had no known medical problems, showed no indicators of mental or psychological problems on intake screening. Waters was housed in cell 6Sep1 in the South Jail facility of the Gregg County jail since being transferred out of the holding area, and he remained in that cell until he was found hanging by the neck in his cell shower on a scheduled 30 minute
cell check at approximately 12:20 pm on July 25th by Detention Officer Ryan Rimlinger. Waters was last seen face to face prior to this at approximately 11:55 am by Detention Officer Joseph Saxon during the previous 30 minute cell check. At the 12:20 cell check, Rimlinger was unable to visually or audibly verify Waters wellbeing through the cell door/window and called for assistance to respond to his location so an interior check of the cell could be performed.

It was during the interior cell check that Waters was found in the cell's shower, partially suspended from a shower curtain hook inside the shower. Waters had used his jail issued uniform to fashion a makeshift noose and tied one end to the cells' shower curtain hook, and the other around his neck. Upon finding Waters unresponsive in the shower, the uniform was removed from his neck and he was placed on the cell's floor and given CPR by staff members until Longview Fire Department arrived. LFD continued CPR and subsequently transported Waters to Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview where he died 3 days later. Waters was pronounced dead at 8:38 am, on 7/28/2018 by Judge B.H. Jameson. Jameson ordered an autopsy to be performed at the Southwest Institute of Forensic Science in Dallas, Texas on Sunday 7/29/18. Texas Ranger Nick Castle is the Investigator assigned to the incident.

A preliminary autopsy report states the cause of death as Suicide, the final report is pending.

On August 29, 2018, a copy of the completed autopsy report was received by the Sheriff's Office. The report shows the manner of death to be Suicide as the result of hanging.