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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-907-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/12/2021 7:24 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Monahans Police Dept.	Agency Address:	114 S. Bruce St.
Agency City:	Monahans	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79756		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:	E		
Director Last Name:	Riley		
Reporter Name:	William Riley	Reporter Email:	chief.police@cityofmonahans.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Tomas

Middle Name: Juan

Last Name: Tomas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/14/1994 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 24

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/7/2018 7:40 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/7/2018 7:40 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Gun Shot Wound

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gun shot wound

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?:	Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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?:	Firearm, unspecified

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: SH 18 at FM 1233
City: N/A
County: Ward
Zip: 79756

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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:

Evading arrest and illegal entry

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:

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):	N/A	Make suicidal statements?:	N/A
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	N/A	Exhibit any medical problems?:	N/A

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 Friday, September 07, 2018 at approximately 0729 hours, WCSO Communications advised through radio transmission that a vehicle pursuit was north bound on State Highway 18 entering Ward County from Pecos County. The vehicle pursuit had begun in Brewster County and had covered over 100 miles on rain slick highways at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Radio traffic advised the vehicle being pursued had cause a traffic collision involving a Pecos County Deputy and that the occupants of the vehicle were discarding firearms from the vehicle. Officers traveled south on State Highway 18 and to parked their patrol units in such a manner as to encourage the fleeing vehicle to travel east on FM 1233 avoiding the congested traffic in the City of Monahans. I continued south bound on State Highway 18 until I heard radio transmission that the vehicle was still north bound and was at Windmill Hill on State Highway 18. I also overheard radio traffic advising that a previous attempt to stop the fleeing vehicle with a tire deflation device proved unsuccessful. It was not until later I learned of a second successful deployment of a tire deflation device on the vehicle, however it was reported the vehicle was still north bound on SH 18 traveling towards the City of Monahans at a high rate of speed. I approached the intersection of State Highway 18 and FM 1233 and met with my officers. I noticed that three (3) Monahans Police Department marked patrol units had their red and blue emergency lights activated and were diverting traffic east bound onto FM 1233. I saw the vehicle approaching our location still being pursued by a WCSO patrol unit traveling behind with their overhead red and blue emergency lights on. I saw the vehicle enter the median between north and south bound traffic and enter the roadway, traveling on the wrong side of the road. Due to the amount of traffic on the roadway at the time and heavily congested traffic in the City of Monahans and road and weather conditions I told my Officers

to attempt to stop the vehicle by discharging their firearms at the tires of the vehicle. The vehicle approached Monahans Police officers and showed no attempt to stop or show any regard for the safety of the motoring public. Officers discharged their firearms at the vehicle in an attempt to disable it. The vehicle continued north bound in the south bound traffic lanes until it made a complete stop in a pasture west of the roadway. Officers approached the vehicle and secured the scene. I noticed a total of six (6) individuals that were occupants of the vehicle. Officers placed handcuffs on five (5) of the individuals and one (1) of the occupants appeared to be deceased.