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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

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

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: Dewayne

Middle Name: McNeal

Last Name: Morgan

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/13/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/29/2019 10:55 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/29/2019 10:55 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:
Gun shot wound to upper torso

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?:	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?:	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?:	Could not be determined

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:	700 West Access Road	City:	Longview
County:	Gregg	Zip:	75602

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: 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:

Burglary of Habitation

Offense 2:

Assault on Public Servant

Offense 3:

Evading Arrest

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:	Crime Against Property

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?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Injured law enforcement personnel

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?:	N/A
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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 Sunday, September 29, 2019, at approximately 10:42 pm, Deputies responded to 776 West Access Road, Longview, Gregg County, Texas 75603, in reference to a burglary of a habitation that was in progress.

The first Deputy on the scene located suspect at that location, and the suspect fled on foot towards Interstate 20. The Deputy pursued suspect on foot, and initially attempted to stop the fleeing suspect with the assistance of a TASER, however it was ineffective. The foot chase continued across all lanes of traffic of Interstate 20, and the Deputy caught the suspect on the grass shoulder on the south of Interstate 20, just west of mile marker 591.

At the termination of the foot chase, the Deputy and the suspect struggled as the Deputy attempted to lawfully place the suspect into handcuffs. The Deputy was unable to physically restrain the suspect, and the suspect was able get on top of the deputy while they were on the ground. While pinning the Deputy to the ground, the Deputy was able to yell at the suspect and ordered him to get off of him, stating that he was unable to breath (with him on his chest). At about this point in the struggle, the suspect moved his hands to the Deputy's throat, and began choking him to the point that he felt in fear for his life. As the suspect continued to choke the Deputy, the Deputy fired one shot from his County issued duty weapon into the upper torso of the suspect to stop the suspect from choking him to the point of unconsciousness, or to the point of death.

Additional Deputies and Texas Department of public Safety Troopers arrived a short time later, at which time the suspect was handcuffed and EMS was summoned. Deputies and Troopers rendered medical attention to

the suspect, roadside, until EMS arrived and took over care. The suspect was subsequently transported to Christus-Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview for treatment by Christus-Good Shepherd EMS. The suspect was later pronounced dead at the hospital from the single gunshot wound he received in the struggle.

The Deputy involved in the shooting was later transported to Longview Regional Medical Center in Longview for treatment by Sheriff's vehicle. The Deputy received minor injuries from the assault, but was released from the hospital after being treated by ER personnel.

The shooting is being investigated by the Texas Rangers; Ranger Chris Baggett being the lead investigator at this time.

The suspect was subsequently transported to Forensic Medical in Tyler for autopsy. Autopsy results are pending at report time.