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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-1168-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	11/8/2019 8:21 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Liberty County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	2400 Beaumont Ave.
Agency City:	Liberty	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77575		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bobby
Director Middle Name:	J		
Director Last Name:	Rader		
Reporter Name:	William Knox	Reporter Email:	billy.knox@co.liberty.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Cristitan

Middle Name: David

Last Name: Sarmiento

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/30/1983 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/4/2019 2:07 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/12/2019 5:00 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: 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?

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?:	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:	2400 Beaumont	City:	Liberty
County:	Liberty	Zip:	77575

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

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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

Type of Custody:	County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Jail - multiple occupancy 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):

Entry Date Time:	8/4/2019 2:07 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Agg Assault W/Deadly Weapon

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:

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: Unknown

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown

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?: Unknown

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?: Unknown

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No

Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

SYNOPSIS: On Thursday, 9/12/2019 at approx. 1700 hrs, I, Investigator Jeff Ashworth received notification via public service from Liberty County S.O. Dispatch that a inmate within the Liberty County Jail made a suicide attempt. Upon arrival, I met with Inv. Robert Dunn and Deputy Whisman within the "A" Dorm of the jail. The said dorm was cleared of inmates for the purpose of conducting the investigation. Inv. Dunn pointed toward the door of a cell that was the far left door on the second floor of the "A" Dorm. This was later learned to be cell #7 of the said pod. Photographs were taken of the scene. Inv. Dunn advised that the victim had been transported to the Liberty-Dayton Hospital while CPR was being administered. Inv. Dunn also advised that there was a letter left behind within the cell.
During an inspection of cell #7, a bed sheet was observed tied to a vent above the interior of the cell's entrance door. The sheet was attached with several individual knots. It was later learned that C/O Michael White and Jail Nurse C. Duhon were the first employees on scene. C/O Michael White observed the inmate hanging from the said bed sheet and took him down. Nurse Duhon arrived and began CPR until Liberty County EMS arrived to assist.