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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 19-444-C | Version Type: | ORIGINAL VERSION |
| Report Date: | 5/7/2019 3:23 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Caney City Police Dept. | Agency Address: | 15241 Barron Rd. |
| Agency City: | Caney City | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 75148 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Chief | Director First Name: | Christopher |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Watson | | |
| Reporter Name: | Christopher Watson | Reporter Email: | officerwatsonccpd@yahoo.com |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Chase

Middle Name: Meredith

Last Name: jones

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/10/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/14/2019 1:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/14/2019 3:30 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 pending

### What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

No evidence of natural disease. Final medical report pending toxicology.

## 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?: Not applicable

## 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: Unknown

# Location / Custody Information

### Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 4530 SH 198 | City: | Malakoff |
| County: | Henderson | Zip: | 75148 |

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

Location Category: Business

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

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

### Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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: 4/14/2019 1:00 AM

### 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:

Public Intoxication

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: Alcohol / drug offense; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Suspicious Activity Check. Vehicle parked outside a closed business with the suspect located inside completely naked.

## 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:

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| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | Yes | Make suicidal statements?: | No |
| 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:

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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: | Yes, mark which restraint devices were used |

## Type of restraint

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| Type of Restraint: | Handcuffs |

# Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Sunday April 14, 2019 Officer M. Brock (#712) with the Caney City Police Department observed a white Chevrolet four door vehicle bearing TXLP#: 6GZMT to be located in the parking lot of the Choices Gas Station located at 4530 SH 198 Malakoff, TX 75148 at approximately 0046hrs. Officer Brock observed a white male subject to be located inside the vehicle completely naked while clothes were being tossed outside the right rear passenger side window. Officer Brock pulled behind the vehicle and activated his emergency lights and dash camera and checked out with the suspicious vehicle through the Henderson County Dispatch Center. Officer Brock exited the vehicle activating his body camera and approached the vehicle to ask the unidentified white male subject what was going on and why he was naked inside his car and if he was okay. The white male subject was identified as: Jones, Chase Meredith DOB: 05/10/194, TXDL#: 00981340. Officer Brock was able to observe that Jones appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance and was acting erratically. Officer Brock requested dispatch send him a cover unit to help remove the subject from the vehicle and placed into custody due to the extreme intoxication of Jones and the unknown substance that was causing it. Additional Officers arrived on scene as requested by Officer Brock and were successful in helping remove Jones from the vehicle and into hand restraints before placing him into the backseat on the passenger side of Officer Brock's marked patrol unit. While Officer Brock filled out the necessary paperwork

required to place Jones into custody for the Class C Misdemeanor charge of: Public Intoxication and the required paperwork to impound the vehicle Jones continued to act erratic in the back of the patrol vehicle. Officer Brock requested EMS be en-route to his location to have Jones checked out and cleared for jail before transporting him due to Jones foaming at the mouth in the backseat of his patrol vehicle. While waiting for EMS personnel Officer Brock continued to complete his paperwork of the incident. At this point Jones collapsed in the backseat of Officer Brock's patrol vehicle and stopped breathing. Officer Brock along with other Officer Brock along with other Officers and the wrecker operator immediately removed Jones from the patrol vehicle and hand restraints to check for breathing and a pulse. Jones did not appear to have a pulse and CPR was started immediately. Officer Brock advised dispatch of the situation and requested EMS to step it up to his location and to notify Chief Watson (#711) of the incident. EMS and first responder personnel arrived a short while later and took over CPR and life saving procedures from the Officers involved. EMS personnel were unable to revive Jones after performing life saving procedures. Chief Watson requested through dispatch that Henderson County Justice of the Peace Precinct #5 Judge Brownlow come to the scene to perform the inquest. Judge Brownlow performed the inquest and ordered the body to be taken to for an autopsy and toxicology. Texas Ranger Adcock was also called to the scene by Chief Watson to take over the investigation due to the custodial death of Jones. Jones' vehicle was searched incident to arrest and inventoried by Officer Brock and other Officers on scene. Officers located a hypodermic syringe tube with a brown substance located inside the vehicle. The item was collected by Officers and placed into evidence for safekeeping. The evidence was then sent off to the DPS Crime Laboratory for further analysis.