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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-482-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/23/2019 4:55 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Red River County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	500 North Cedar St.
Agency City:	Clarksville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75426		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	James
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Caldwell		
Reporter Name:	James Caldwell	Reporter Email:	j.caldwell@co.red-river.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Christopher

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Cabler

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/14/1977 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/16/2019 5:19 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/5/2019 8:50 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:

asphyxia by hanging

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

Medical Treatment: No

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?: Other Weapon,
specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Ligature

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:	500 North Cedar St.	City:	Clarksville
County:	Red River	Zip:	75426

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 - 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):

Entry Date Time:	5/16/2019 5:19 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:

FTA: Evading Arrest W/ Vehicle enhanced

Offense 2:

Burglary of Habitation

Offense 3:

Possession of Substance in PG 1

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug 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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health

problems?:	No	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?:	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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

The decedent, Christopher Wayne Cabler, was arrested and housed in the Red River County Jail on April 16, 2019 on a warrant of FTA for Evading Arrest or Detention with a vehicle, enhanced. Cabler also had pending charges which he had been previously arrested for, including Burglary of a Habitation and Possession of Substance in Penalty Group 1. When he was booked in to the Red River County Jail, Cabler was asked the questions on the standard screening form for suicide and medical/mental/developmental impairments. Cabler responded that he was not thinking of killing or injuring himself on the day he was booked in to the Jail, and responded "no" when asked if he was feeling hopeless or had nothing to look forward to. Cabler told the booking officer that he had attempted suicide two months prior to being booked in to the Jail. Cabler was housed in a single person cell due to past history of inflicting injury upon himself. Nineteen days later on May 5, 2019, Cabler was discovered during a routine cell check hanging in his cell. Cabler had tied a white towel around the top rail of the shower and looped his jail issued pants through the towel. The legs of the pants were secured around Cabler’s neck creating a noose. Cabler’s feet rested on the floor which indicated he had the ability to stand up to prevent the hanging. The cell where Cabler was housed is equipped with a motion activated camera which captured the incident. The Texas Rangers were contacted to conduct the investigation into the death of Cabler.