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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-620-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/4/2020 3:47 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hopkins County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	298 Rosemont Street
Agency City:	Sulphur Springs	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75482		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Lewis
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Tatum		
Reporter Name:	Corley Weatherford	Reporter Email:	cweatherford@hopkinscountytx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jimmy

Middle Name: De

Last Name: Odell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/25/1958 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/11/2019 12:42 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/11/2019 12:45 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: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Based on the history and autopsy findings, it is our opinion that Jimmy De Odell, dies as the result of three gunshot wounds of the head and trunk.

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?: 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?: 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:	500 Block Smith St	City:	Como
County:	Hopkins	Zip:	75431

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:
Attempted Capital Murder	
	Offense 2:
Stalking	
	Offense 3:
Possession Firearm by Felon	

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:	Violent Crime Against Persons

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:	Yes, mark all that apply
Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details:	Discharged firearm

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:	Attempted to injure 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
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?:	Yes	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:	No	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 June, 11, 2019, The Hopkins County Sheriff’s Office received information that Jimmy De Odell had made a comment to an individual about killing his ex-wife, Gina Odell. Jimmy was recently released from the Texas Department of Corrections for stalking Gina. Gina had recently filed a report with the Hopkins County Sheriff’s Office and another law enforcement agency regarding being stalked by Jimmy. Gina had also obtained an Emergency Protective Order against Jimmy.

The information provided was Jimmy was riding a black motorcycle, wearing a wig and helmet in an attempt to disguise himself. Deputies responded to Gina’s place of employment and removed her for safety and established surveillance around her office. Deputies searched the areas where Gina frequents in the course of her employment in an attempt to intercept Jimmy.
A Hopkins County Deputy later located a vehicle matching the description provided and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle evaded the Deputy for a short distance and came to a stop in the 500 block of Smith Street at the intersection of Bethel Road.

Jimmy made several comments to the Deputy to shoot him. While the initial Deputy was providing verbal command, additional Deputies arrived on-scene to assist. Jimmy continued to disregard verbal command as he reached into the saddle bag on the motorcycle. Deputies continued to give verbal commands as Jimmy continued to tell Deputies to shoot him. Jimmy removed a pistol from the saddle bag and aggressively pulled the pistol out of its holster.

A Deputy responding by discharging his duty weapon striking Jimmy causing him to fall off the motorcycle onto the ground. When Jimmy fell to the ground, he continued to possess the pistol as he rolled face down concealing the pistol and his hands under his body. While on the ground, Jimmy placed the gun to his head and fired one shot. After the shot, Jimmy continued to move and disregard verbal commands to show his hands. Jimmy ultimately rolled onto his left side holding the pistol in his left hand and raised the pistol in the direction of a responding law enforcement officer. The same Deputy again discharged his duty weapon striking Jimmy causing the gun to fall to the ground. Deputies were able to see the pistol and Jimmy's hands and advanced toward Jimmy. Deputies moved the pistol form near Jimmy's body and began life saving measures as they contacted Emergency Medical Services. Jimmy ultimately died from his injuries.