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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 19-866-C | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 3/5/2020 2:20 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Texas Department Of Public Safety | Agency Address: | PO BOX 4087 |
| Agency City: | Austin | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 78773 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Director | Director First Name: | Steven |
| Director Middle Name: | C | | |
| Director Last Name: | McCraw | | |
| Reporter Name: | Joanne Scarbrough | Reporter Email: | joanne.scarbrough@dps.texas.gov |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Nathan

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Sodek

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/19/1989 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/23/2019 12:08 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/23/2019 12:08 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:

Gunshot wound of the head

## 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?: 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?

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| Street Address: | 101 Soules Circle | City: | Eddy |
| County: | McLennan | Zip: | 76524 |

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

## 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 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:

Sexual Assault

Offense 2:

Official Oppression

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: 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?: 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?: No

### 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: | 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On August 23, 2019, Texas Ranger Jake Burson went to the residence of Marlin Police Department Chief Nathan Sodek located at 101 Soules Circle, Eddy, McLennan County, Texas. Ranger Burson told Chief Sodek about his arrest warrants for Sexual Assault and Official Oppression. Ranger Burson allowed Chief Sodek to finish smoking a cigarette on the porch while he secured Sodek's cell phones in his truck as evidence.

While at his truck, Ranger Burson observed Chief Sodek abruptly flee into his residence from the porch. Moments later, Ranger Burson heard a single gunshot coming from inside. Ranger Burson safely entered the residence and observed Chief Sodek lying on the floor with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Ranger Burson instructed a McLennan County deputy, who was on standby, to contact EMS. Later, a McLennan County justice of the peace arrived on scene and pronounced Chief Sodek deceased.