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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-98-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/27/2019 9:17 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Waller County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	701 Calvit St.
Agency City:	Hempstead	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77445		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Royce
Director Middle Name:	G		
Director Last Name:	Smith		
Reporter Name:	Larry Cook	Reporter Email:	l.cook@wallercounty.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Evan

Middle Name: Lydell

Last Name: Parker

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/1/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

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: 1/25/2019 3:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/27/2019 5:07 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 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:	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?:	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:	701 Calvit St	City:	Hempstead
County:	Waller	Zip:	77445

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:	1/10/2019 2:45 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:

Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

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: Displayed other weapon, specify:; Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Kukri machete

Specify Weapon Used:

Kukri Machete

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:	Killed civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	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:

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:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
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 01/25/20149 at approximately 0245 hours, officers with the Waller County Sheriff's Office, Jail Division, were making their hourly security checks on the cell block areas of the Jail. Patrol Corporal Cary Gray (Gray) was making his rounds as part of a policy of having the patrol supervisors assisting the jail in making rounds.

At approximately 0255 hours, Gray went by Cell #92, occupied by Evan Lydell Parker, our # 030364 (deceased) as part of his rounds. Gray noticed the deceased kneeling by the toilet, but noted nothing else unusual. As Gray made his way down the hallway, he met Officer Gabriel Mendez (Mendez), who was making rounds coming from the opposite hallway. Gray mentioned to Mendez that he had seen the deceased kneeling by the toilet, and thought it a bit unusual. Mendez then went down the hall to Cell # 92, and observed the deceased hanging from a ligature. Mendez called for assistance, and Gray and other officers responded to the cell. The deceased had tied a mattress cover around his neck, and secured it to a vent cover above the toilet in the cell, and apparently stepped off the toilet. Staff cut the deceased down and began CPR. Emergency Medical Services were called, and the deceased was transported to an area hospital, where he was resuscitated by Emergency Room staff. The deceased was transferred that morning by helicopter to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas. He was received at Hermann ER, and subsequently placed on life support. The deceased remained on life support for approximately 48 hours, expiring at 0507 hours on 01/27/2019.

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