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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-122-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/12/2020 8:12 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Jefferson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	5030 Hwy 69S
Agency City:	Beaumont	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77705		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	zena
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Stephens		
Reporter Name:	John Shauberger	Reporter Email:	john.shauberger@jeffersoncountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joshua

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Sees

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/24/1997 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 22

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/2/2020 2:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/5/2020 3:05 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:

hanging

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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:	5030 Hwy 69	City:	Beaumont
County:	Jefferson	Zip:	77705

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:	2/2/2020 2:30 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Medical facility

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?:	No

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:

Aggravated Kidnapping

Offense 2:

Aggravated Sexual Assault

Offense 3:

Aggravated Robbery

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: 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?:	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?:	Unknown

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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On February 2, 2020 at about 0230 hours Joshua Allen Sees was arrested by Beaumont Police Department and booked into Jefferson County Correctional Facility for the charges of:

Felony Escape
Aggravated Kidnapping
Aggravated Sexual Assault
Aggravated Robbery

Sees was housed in a single cell due to his aggravated charges and the escape charge. On February 3, 2020 at about 1454 hours Sees attempted to commit suicide in his cell by hanging himself with cloth from his bedding. Corrections officers while making their mandated rounds discovered Sees hanging in his cell and immediately initiated emergency procedures. Corrections officers and medical staff initiated CPR and where able to resuscitate Sees regaining a pulse. Sees was transported to the hospital where he remained until he passed on February 5, 2020 around 1505 hours. The justice of the peace was contacted and an autopsy was ordered.