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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-1446-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/28/2021 11:33 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Livingston Police Dept.	Agency Address:	200 West Church
Agency City:	Livingston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77351		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Matt
Director Middle Name:	G		
Director Last Name:	Parrish		
Reporter Name:	David Mitchell	Reporter Email:	chief@livingstontx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gerald

Middle Name: Thomas

Last Name: Ring

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/9/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/29/2020 4:56 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/29/2020 4:57 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:

Contact gunshot wound of head, submandibular
Case #20-0957BMT Forensic Medical Management Services of Texas, P.A.

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?

Street Address:	1025 W Church St Apt #712	City:	Livingston
County:	Polk	Zip:	77351

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: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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?: 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 Sexual Assault of a Child / F1

Offense 2:

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: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?: Unknown

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?: Yes

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):	Yes	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:

On October 29th, 2020 at approximately 16:51 two Livingston Police Department Patrol Officers went to Gerald Rings apartment to serve a Felony Indictment Warrant for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Officers knocked on the door and was given consent to enter by a female occupant. The female stated to uniformed officers that Rings was in his room and directed officers to that location. Officers entered room and observed Ring setting at a desk. Officers advised Ring of the warrant and started toward him. Before officers reached Ring he very swiftly slung up a handgun toward officers. Ring then immediately brought the handgun back up to his chest while officers were repeatedly ordering him to drop the gun. Ring stated that he couldn't go to jail for this. One of the officers then deployed his taser in a attempt to safely gain control of Ring. The taser had very little effect on Ring who then brought the pistol up and discharged it under his chin causing his death. Officer immediately called for supervisors and medical personnel to the scene.