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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-74-MJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/29/2020 1:38 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Burleson Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1161 SW Wilshire Blvd.
Agency City:	Burleson	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76028		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Commander	Director First Name:	Doug
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Sandifer		
Reporter Name:	Timothy Mabry	Reporter Email:	tmabry@burlesontx.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Matthew

Middle Name: Glen

Last Name: Wood

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/28/1985 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 1/7/2020 4:27 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/8/2020 2:30 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:

Suicide due to 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:	1601 Heritage Pkwy	City:	Mansfield
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76063

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:	Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Jail - multiple occupancy 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:	1/7/2020 4:57 PM

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?:	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:

Parole Violation-- Possession of a Controlled Substance

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Subject was contacted in reference to a traffic violation and arrested for the Parole Violation warrant

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?:	Yes	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:	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 January 7, 2020 the Decedent was arrested by the Burleson Police Department for a Parole Violation Warrant. The Decedent had been stopped by the Burleson Police Department for traffic violations in the 1400 block of S Interstate 35W, Burleson, Johnson County, Texas at approximately 1602 hours. The Decedent showed to have the Parole Violation Warrant, which was confirmed, and the Decedent was placed under arrested at approximately 1630 hours. The Decedent was transported to the City of Mansfield Jail and was released to jail staff at approximately 1657 hours.

All movements of the Decedent within the Mansfield Jail were captured on surveillance video. After being booked into the City of Mansfield Jail, the Decedent was placed in a cell. Within the cell are bunks, toilet, and sink. There is a partition between the bunks and toilet. This partition contains holes that allow for guards to check on inmates during routine checks. At approximately 1759 hours, the Decedent is observed walking behind the partition and threading long john underwear through the holes of the partition and tying a knot in the long johns so they will not slide back through the hole. At approximately 1804 hours, the Decedent is observed bending his legs. Shortly thereafter, the Decedent swings around the partition into the view of the camera. It is clear the long johns are wrapped around the Decedent’s neck at this time. At approximately 1807 hours, other inmates in the cell, who were asleep prior to this incident, locate the Decedent and immediately summon assistance from Jail staff. Jail staff performed life saving measures until Mansfield Fire Department arrived on scene and transported the Decedent to Medical City Arlington Hospital.

Upon receiving information about the Decedent’s actions at the jail, the Burleson Police Department sent an officer to Medical City Arlington Hospital. Here, the Decedent perished on January 8, 2020 at approximately 0230 hours. The Decedent was transported to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office, who determined the Decedent’s manner of death to be suicide by hanging.

There were no indications of the Decedent’s intentions during any contact with the Burleson Police Department or Mansfield Jail staff.