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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1243-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/22/2022 2:30 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Angelina County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	2311 E. Lufkin Ave.
Agency City:	Lufkin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75901		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Greg
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Sanches		
Reporter Name:	Nick Gardner	Reporter Email:	ngardner@angelinacounty.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Johnathan

Middle Name: Steve

Last Name: Cooper

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/30/1993 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/6/2021 12:41 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/6/2021 12:41 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: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound

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

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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: 534 Ramsey Rd
City: Lufkin
County: Angelina
Zip: 75901

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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 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:

Possession of a Firearm by Felon

Offense 2:

Theft of Firearm

Offense 3:

Discharge of Firearm on Roadway

Were the Charges::	Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense:	Violent Crime Against Persons; Medical / Mental Health assistance call; Crime Against Property

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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:

Deputies responded to homicidal/suicidal subject who was reported to have threatened his girlfriend and had discharged a firearm . Deputies arrived and located subject and attempted to detain the subject. Subject pulled away from deputy, exhibited a handgun and fled into a nearby wooded area. Deputies located subject in the woods. Subject stood up and raised the firearm. A deputy saw the firearm being raised, and heard the firearm discharge, and observed another deputy stumble backwards. Believing the deputy had been shot by the subject, the first deputy returned fire, striking the subject. Subject collapsed to the ground. Deputies attempted lifesaving measures and EMS was called to the scene. The Texas Rangers were also called to the scene to investigate the incident. A Justice of the Peace was called to the scene and conducted an inquest.