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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1353-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/17/2022 10:40 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lamar County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	125 Brown Ave.
Agency City:	Paris	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75460		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Scott
Director Middle Name:	C		
Director Last Name:	Cass		
Reporter Name:	Tommy Moore	Reporter Email:	chiefdeputymoore@co.lamar.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Richard

Middle Name: Craig

Last Name: Culver

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/20/1963 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 58

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/10/2021 2:49 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/10/2021 3:31 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:

Single gunshot wound to right temple.

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:	4005 N. Main	City:	Paris
County:	Lamar	Zip:	75460

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

Location Category: Business

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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:
Driving while intoxicated	
	Offense 2:
Unlawful carrying of weapon	
	Offense 3:

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:	Alcohol / drug offense

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 firearm without discharge; Discharged firearm

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:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

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?:	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 September 10, 2021, Deputies with the Lamar County Sheriff's Office were notified of a subject who was in possession of a firearm, intoxicated and operation a motor vehicle. Deputies made contact with the subject in the 4000 blk of N. Main at a self storage facility. The subject was parked in front of a storage building when Deputies made contact. Deputies did observe a weapon in the vehicle upon approach. Deputies saw the subject point the firearm at his own head and then lower the firearm. While one Deputy was trying to communicate with the subject, the subject pointed his firearm at the Deputy. This action caused another Deputy to fire his weapon at the subject. The round fired from the Deputy's weapon did not strike the subject. The subject then pointed the gun at his own head and fired one shot. That action, per the initial autopsy report, caused his own death.