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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-209-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	2/26/2021 4:01 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Johnson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1102 E. Kilpatrick
Agency City:	Cleburne	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76031		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Adam
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	King		
Reporter Name:	David Blankenship	Reporter Email:	dblankenship@johnsoncountytx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Daniel

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Blankenship

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/10/1975 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/8/2021 10:36 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/12/2021 12:19 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Anoxic brain Injury related to suicidal 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?: Not applicable

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:	1800 Ridgemar Dr.	City:	Cleburne
County:	Johnson	Zip:	76031

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:	12/19/2019 3:55 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:

Burglary of a Habitation

Offense 2:

Larceny of Automobile (other agency hold)

Offense 3:

Escape while Arrested/Confined Felony

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; Other, specify; Crime Against Property

Type of Offense, Other:

Escape While arrested/Confined Felony

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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	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:	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 Monday February 8, 2021 inmate Daniel Blankenship was not visible in his single cell by the Corrections Officer. When Corrections Officers entered the cell they found Inmate Daniel Blankenship behind a shower wall hanging by what is believed to be pieces of his wool blanket. Inmate Daniel Blankenship was non-responsive and not breathing. Corrections Officers immediately began CPR until EMS arrived on scene and took over life saving measures on Inmate Daniel Blankenship. Inmate Daniel Blankenship was transported to Texas Health Cleburne Hospital by EMS. During the life saving measures inmate Daniel Blankenship's heartbeat was restored but was unable to breath on his own. Inmate Daniel Blankenship was then transported to Harris Hospital Fort Worth and placed on life support. Inmate Daniel Blankenship remained on Life Support until February 12, 2021 when the Hospital Doctors terminated Life Support treatment.