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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-511-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/31/2022 1:20 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Victoria County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	101 N. Glass
Agency City:	Victoria	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77901		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Justin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Marr		
Reporter Name:	Joseph Randolph	Reporter Email:	jrandolph@vctx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Zachariah

Middle Name:

Last Name: Sheehan

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/12/1996 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 24

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/24/2020 9:58 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/20/2021 4:40 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:

Inmate hung himself on 03/18/2021, transported to hospital, taken off life support on 04/15/2021, passed away on 04/20/2021

Complications of asphyxia 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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Inmate hung himself/life support was removed after a month in hospital

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	101 North Glass Street	City:	Victoria
County:	Victoria	Zip:	77901

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 - 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:	11/24/2020 9:58 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?: 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:

THEFT PROP >=$2,500<$30K

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: 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: 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?: 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:

Inmate: Sheehan, Zachariah
CR# 87527
Date: 03/18/2021
Time: 1720

On the above date at approximately 1720hrs. Officer Tamara Mathis called for assistance via radio. I, Sgt. Allen Martinez along with Cpl. Jonathan Torres, Officer Shaina Johnson and Officer Conner Patterson exited Central Control and ran up the stairs. Once on the second floor we proceeded to Cell 2092 where Officer Mathis had requested for assistance.

Upon our arrival I observed Inmate Sheehan hanging from the air condition vent above the center day room table in Cell 2092 with officers attempting to hold him up and cut him down. Inmate Sheehan utilized his white in color county issued sheet to hang himself. Officer John Dodds, Officer Ian Jarvis were holding Inmate Sheehan up and Officer T. Mathis had her arms wrapped around his upper torso with her arms underneath his arms, Officer Patterson was attempting to cut the sheet utilizing his K.E.R.T.-CRKT cutting tool but was having issues due to the way his head was positioned. I reached for my K.E.R.T.-CRKT cutting tool and immediately was handed a K.E.R.T.-CRKT cutting tool by Officer Melinda Charleston. I was successful in cutting the sheet above the knot and Inmate Sheehan was lowered to the day room table then lowered to the floor of Cell 2092. While officers moved him to the floor I changed radio channels, contacted dispatch and requested to have EMS respond for a hanging. I at that time started chest compressions and called for someone to bring the AED Machine. I continued chest compressions, CMA Brumbelow responded with the Zone 2 Scott Air Pack Case which she thought contained the AED Machine. I continued chest compressions and did not stop until the AED Machine arrived and ready for use. While continuing chest compressions Cpl. Torres utilized K.E.R.T.-CRKT cutting tool to cut Inmate Sheehan’s yellow in color County issued uniform shirt

away from his person in order to apply the AED PADS. I continued chest compressions, Officer S. Johnson arrived with the Zone 2 AED Machine and began to set up for use. I continued chest compressions and stopped only to apply and activate the AED Machine. The AED Pads were applied according to the diagram shown on the pad on to his right breast area and the other to his lower left abdomen area. The AED Machine conducted its initial test then instructed for chest compressions. Cpl. Torres then started chest compressions and stopped when instructed by the AED to stop. Officer Patterson then took over chest compressions and immediately stopped due to waiting for the machine to conduct its test. Once complete the AED advised to continue chest compressions, I Sgt. Martinez started chest compressions and stopped when instructed. Officer Patterson and CMA Brumbelow then alternated giving chest compressions as instructed by the AED until EMS arrived to take over. EMS arrived and took over the medical emergency. EMS applied a chest compression system then secured Sheehan to a back board, secured to the gurney and transported out the facility to the and transported to CMC ER by ambulance.

Inmate Sheehan was later sent by life flight from Citizens Hospital to Memorial Herman Hospital in Houston Texas on 03/18/2021. Inmate Sheehan was placed on life support until 04/15/2021 due to the family not wanting to take him off life support. On 04/15/2021 Sheehan's father Jeremy Sheehan consented to taking him off life support. Zachariah Sheehan passed away on 04/20/2021 at approximately 1640 Hrs.