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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-593-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/28/2022 10:31 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Travis County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	5555 Airport Blvd.
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78751		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Sally
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hernandez		
Reporter Name:	Alonzo Maldonado	Reporter Email:	alonzo.maldonado@traviscountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Nicholas

Middle Name: Orion

Last Name: Vanwyhe

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/24/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/15/2021 1:02 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/30/2021 11:01 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:

Suicide by hanging.

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?: 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:	3614 Bill Price Road	City:	Del Valle
County:	Travis	Zip:	78617

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:	4/15/2021 1:02 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Stalking

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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:

Stalking

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: Unknown

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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health

problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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:

The inmate, Nicholas Vanwyhe, hanged himself inside his cell using his bed sheet as a ligature. The unit in which Vanwyhe was housed had the inmates in single cells, and post visuals were conducted hourly. The post officer, Officer Guzman, conducted a post visual on April 30, 2021 at 21:33 start time, and ended at 21:37. During that post visual Officer Guzman observed Vanwyhe laying down on his bunk. The next post visual Officer Guzman conducted was at 21:59 start time. Officer Guzman discovered Vanwyhe had hanged himself inside his cell at 22:05, and hit his stat alarm button. Other officers arrived to cut the ligature and then began life saving measures until relieved by Austin EMS, but attempts to revive Vanwyhe were unsuccessful. Van Wyne was pronounced deceased at 2301 on April 30, 2021 by Doctor Abrehan.