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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Montague County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 127
Agency City:	Montague	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76251		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marshall
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Thomas		
Reporter Name:	Marshall Thomas	Reporter Email:	mthomas@montaguesheriff.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Roy

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Raney

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/24/1978 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/5/2021 8:33 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/5/2021 10:45 AM

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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

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Roy Lee Rainey died as a result of the toxic effects of methamphetamine. Cardiac hypertrophy contributed to the death. It was unclear whether the cardiac hypertrophy was due to hypertension or obesity or both.

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	FM 1749 at FM 455	City:	Forestburg
County:	Montague	Zip:	76239

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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 subsequent to 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: 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:

MHMR Evaluation

Offense 2:

Public Intoxication

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; Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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

Specify Weapon Used:

None

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

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?:	Yes
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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On 06/05/21, Deputy Brandon Fischer of the Montague County Sheriff's office responded to FM 455 at the FM 1749 intersection located in Forestburg, Montague County, Texas in reference to a possible intoxicated subject. While en route Deputy Fischer was advised the male subject later identified as Raney, Roy Lee, W/M, DOB 04/24/1978, was nude and attempting to gain entry into the reporting party's vehicle whom had stopped to check on Roy after observing him run his vehicle off the roadway into a ditch.
Deputy Fischer continued to receive updated radio traffic from Montague County Communications while en route. Numerous 911 calls were received reporting a nude male running towards cars and running into traffic. A short time after being advised Roy was attempting to enter the reporting parties vehicle, Deputy Fischer was advised Roy was nude chasing cows in a pasture on foot. Deputy Fischer was then advised Roy was running down the center line of FM 455. Deputy Fischer was then advised Roy was leaning against a guard rail on the side of FM 455. Deputy Fischer was advised Roy was laying in the ditch on the south side of FM 455.

Deputy Fischer arrived on scene observing a bystander inside a vehicle with hazard lights activated. Deputy Fischer pulled in front of the vehicle and observed Roy nude on his hands and knees pulling handfuls of grass out of the ground. Deputy Fischer exited his patrol unit and made contact with Roy. Roy advised he was tired and "still here". Deputy Fischer asked Roy if he knew his current location and he advised he was on "377". Deputy Fischer requested Roy sit in the back seat of Unit 321 to get out of the rain and rest. Roy advised he didn't want to sit in the back seat. Deputy Fischer advised Roy he couldn't be sitting naked on the side of the highway. Roy advised he was "pulling it up". Deputy Fischer observed Roy continuously pull handfuls of weeds from the ground while speaking with him and Deputy Fischer asked Roy where his clothes were. Roy advised his clothes were in his vehicle. Deputy Fischer asked Roy where his vehicle was located. Roy nodded his head advising his vehicle was right there (directly across the highway). Deputy Fischer observed no vehicle directly across the highway and knew Roy's vehicle to be approximately a mile to the west of his current location. Deputy Fischer advised Roy to place his hands behind his back. Deputy Fischer obtained his handcuffs in order to detain Roy for his safety and to prevent him from running back out into the highway. Roy refused to place his hands behind his back. Deputy Fischer placed one cuff onto Roy's left hand and began pulling Roy's left hand/arm behind his back. Deputy Fischer repeatedly requested Roy's right hand to complete the detainment. Roy continued to refuse to comply and was making incoherent statements. Two bystander's walked to the scene offering to assist Deputy Fischer who requested assistance in getting Roy's right hand behind his back as he was actively resisting.

Roy's right hand/arm was pulled behind his back with the assistance of the two bystanders, at which time the second handcuff was locked into place and double locked. Deputy Fischer advised Roy he was going to help him roll over onto his back. Deputy Fischer attempted to roll Roy onto his back. Roy rolled onto his back and into a sitting position for a moment before rolling back over to his stomach. Deputy Fischer requested EMS be en route to the scene. Deputy Fischer observed Roy roll back and forth from being on his left side to his right side and on his back and stomach. The bystanders made comments indicating they believed Roy was on drugs. One of the bystanders said he saw Roy walk to a residence where he believed he was going to try to go inside, but observed Roy turned around and climbed into a water trough for a short time before walking back to the highway.

Deputy Fischer advised Roy again he was going to roll Roy over onto his back to get him off of his stomach and Deputy Fischer placed Roy back onto his back. Roy again rolled onto his stomach/side. Deputy Fischer observed Roy continuously rub his face and head back and forth in the mud and weeds creating a raw wound on his forehead. After a short time Roy became calm. Deputy Fischer again asked Roy if he knew where he was. Roy advised he was in Forestburg and that his name was Roy. Deputy Fischer asked Roy if he could recall what had happened within the past hour. Roy advised he had gotten dizzy. Deputy Fischer asked Roy if he could remember running his vehicle off into a ditch. Roy advised he did. Deputy Fischer asked Roy what happened after he became stuck in the ditch and Roy advised he was trying to get back to his vehicle to go to work.

Deputy Fischer observed Saint Jo EMS and a Forestburg volunteer firefighter arrive at the location. Paramedic Colton Thomas with Saint Jo EMS spoke to Roy. After speaking with Roy for a short period of time Deputy Fischer was advised Roy would be transported to the hospital as he was showing signs of excited delirium. Saint Jo EMS's backboard was obtained. EMS personnel began discussing how Roy would be transported from his current location in the grass to the edge of the pavement where the rolling gurney was located. Deputy Fischer advised if handcuff's were removed from Roy, Roy would become combative and resist following instructions.

It was decided Roy would be placed on the backboard with handcuffs still in place, while laying on his stomach at which time he would be picked up and carried to the gurney approximately 10 feet away at which time he would be rolled off the backboard onto the gurney onto his back for transport to the hospital. Roy was rolled onto his side and the backboard was placed beside Roy. Roy was rolled onto the backboard and was face down at the time. Roy was strapped onto the backboard to prevent his from falling off once he was lifted from the ground as he had been rolling back and forth on the ground since he was placed in handcuffs.

After Roy was strapped to the backboard and was ready to be lifted from the ground, it was found Roy was no longer conscious. Deputy Fischer quickly removed Roy's handcuffs. Upon removing Roy's handcuffs, Deputy Fischer observed Roy's hands/arms to be limp. Roy was lifted from the ground and carried to the gurney and was rolled off the backboard onto the gurney laying on his back. Deputy Fischer observed Roy was still unresponsive. Roy was placed in the back of the ambulance and transported to Nocona General Hospital. Deputy Fischer drove to Nocona General Hospital and upon arrival, Deputy Fischer was advised Roy had not regained consciousness. Justice of the Peace Jack Pigg arrived on scene and Roy was pronounced dead at 10:45 AM.

Deputy Fischer spoke with Roy's son who provided Roy's medications and recent mental health history. Deputy Fischer observed Roy was evaluated by Premier Care Behavioral Health on 05/12/2021. Deputy Fischer observed Roy advised in the forms he was depressed, hopeless, panicky and anxious.

Roy's son, Steven, advised Roy has a history of drug abuse but does not believe Roy had used narcotics since recently being released from prison. Wood's Funeral Home transported Roy to the Dallas County Medical Examiners Office for autopsy.