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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-749-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/22/2021 4:47 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hudspeth County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 39
Agency City:	Sierra Blanca	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79851		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief Deputy	Director First Name:	Lasaro
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salgado		
Reporter Name:	Lsaaro Salgado	Reporter Email:	csalgado@hudspethsheriff.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Elijah

Middle Name: Jacob

Last Name: Newton

Suffix: N/A

Date of Birth: 10/24/2001

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 19

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/1/2021 7:01 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/1/2021 8:58 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to the head

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:	IH-10, Eastbound, Mile Post 112	City:	Nearest City- Sierra Blanca, Texas
County:	Hudspeth	Zip:	79851

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 during/fleeing 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: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Ambulance

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:

Evading Arrest or Detention

Offense 2:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Failed to stop at USBP Checkpoint

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: Discharged firearm

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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?:	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 60/01/2021, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Elijah Jacob Newton was traveling eastbound on interstate- 10, near milepost 107, and failed to stop at a United States Border Patrol (USBP) checkpoint in Hudspeth County, Texas. USBP Agents operating USBP marked units pursued Newton until Newton came to a stop. As USBP Agents were talking to Newton, Newton drove away.

Newton lead USBP in a pursuit; USBP requested for Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office to assist. During the pursuit, a marked Hudspeth County Sheriff's Unit bumped into Newton's vehicle from behind, causing Newton's vehicle to spin and come to a stop. As responding officers exited their vehicles, officers heard a gunshot coming from Newton's vehicle.

Responding officers approached the vehicle and observed Newton with one self-inflicted wound to the head. Officers provided first aid until EMS arrived; Newton died as he was being transported to the hospital. Newton was pronounced dead on 06/01/2021 at 8:58 pm.