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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-961-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/6/2022 2:54 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Moore County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	700 S. Bliss
Agency City:	Dumas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79029		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Morgan
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hightower		
Reporter Name:	Morgan Hightower	Reporter Email:	morganh@moore-tx.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rickey

Middle Name: Paul

Last Name: Smith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/3/1955 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/25/2021 3:03 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/26/2021 5:48 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:

Individual was found hanged in a jail cell he was being housed in alone.

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?: Other Weapon, specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Strap from soft cast on leg

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:	700 S. Bliss	City:	Dumas
County:	Moore	Zip:	79029

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 - holding 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:	7/25/2021 3:03 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Scene of incident

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:

Bond Revocation Warrant - Manufacture Delivery of Controlled Substance

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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:

On 07/26/2021, at approximately 5:20 PM, A Moore County Sheriff's Office Correction Officer found Rickey Smith hanging with a strap by his neck. The strap was connected to a half wall bathroom partition located in his cell. Smith had a soft cast on his left lower leg from an injury he had received prior to being booked into the jail. Smith was found hanging from the bathroom partition half wall with a strap from the soft cast. Smith was being housed in a holding cell alone since he was booked in the jail on 07/25/2021, at approximately 3:03 AM. CPR and lifesaving measures were used to attempt to resuscitate Smith by jail staff and Moore County Hospital District Emergency Medical Services for over twenty eight minutes but were unsuccessful. The Texas Rangers were called to conduct the investigation.