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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1306-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 N. Comal
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Javier
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salazar		
Reporter Name:	John Mahon	Reporter Email:	jmahon@bexar.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ronald

Middle Name:

Last Name: Cole

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/28/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/17/2022 1:33 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/17/2022 6:14 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:

Gunshot wound to 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:	4879 Camas	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78247

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

N/A

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:

Decedent's residence (away from initial crime scene)

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:
Murder	
	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:	Violent Crime Against Persons

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?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Killed civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	Unknown	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
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:	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 09-17-2022, at about 1333 hours, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) was dispatched to 7618 Capstone Ridge for shots fired and a vehicle fleeing the area. BCSO deputies responded to the aforementioned address and discovered a female victim (decedent's former spouse), who had apparently suffered a gunshot wound to her head, in the backyard of 7622 Capstone Ridge; the female victim was pronounced deceased on location at about 1407 hours. During the ensuing investigation, it was learned the decedent's son, had received a phone from his stepfather, the decedent, who stated he (the decedent) had killed his mother and was going to kill himself. Furthermore, additional information received by the BCSO indicated the decedent was responsible for the female victim's murder. While the investigation continued at 7618 Capstone Ridge, several BCSO personnel arrived at the decedent's residence, located at 4879 Camas, and monitored the decedent's residence until an arrest warrant was generated. Once the arrest warrant for the decedent was obtained for the offense of murder, BCSO tactical/negotiator personnel were notified. Thereafter, several attempts to contact the decedent were made via several means; however, no contact was made with the decedent, nor was any activity observed inside/outside the decedent's residence. At approximately 1758 hours, a BCSO SWAT robot entered the decedent's residence and the robot illustrated

the decedent was unresponsive on the living room couch. BCSO SWAT personnel then entered the decedent's residence and observed the decedent with a firearm on his lap and with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The decedent was pronounced deceased at 1814 hours. When the decedent committed suicide, after killing the female victim, has not been determined.