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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Ector County Sheriff's Ofc.	Agency Address:	2500 S. Highway 385
Agency City:	Odessa	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79761		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Griffis		
Reporter Name:	Randy Dominguez	Reporter Email:	randy.dominguez@ectorcountysheriff.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: ross

Middle Name: tayler

Last Name: johnson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/15/1993 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/2/2022 8:48 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/17/2022 5:00 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Subject was involved in a high sped crash. Subject sustained blunt force trauma to the skull in the crash (skull fracture, Brain Bleed). Subject also sustained spinal injury as well as brain stem separation. The subject sustained unsurvivable injury as a result of the car crash.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1600 Damascus
City: odessa
County: Ector
Zip: 79763

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: Medical facility

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:

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle SJF

Offense 2:

Evading in a Motor Vehicle F3

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: Crime Against Property

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:	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 01-02-2022 at 2048hrs, ECSO attempted to conduct a felony stop of a stolen vehicle in the area of W. University and Buckskin in Odessa, Ector Co. The driver of the stolen vehicle failed to comply with the the felony stop and began to evade Law Enforcement who were actively attempting to stop him. The driver of the stolen vehicle evaded Deputies for several miles reaching speeds over 130mph. The driver of the stolen vehicle lost control of the vehicle leaving the roadway and flipping the vehicle several time into the field. The driver of the stolen vehicle was ejected from the vehicle and sustained major injuries. The subject was located by Deputies and was found to be unresponsive and unconscious. Deputies called for an Ambulance which arrived and transported the subject to Medical Center Hospital. The subject was admitted to MCH which was later learned he suffered blunt force trauma to the head which caused a skull fracture and brain bleed, along with spinal cord injury, and brain stem injury, from the crash. Medical staff was able to treat the subject for several days. On 01-17-2022 the subject was pronounced deceased. Medical doctors advised he suffered unsurvivable injuries due to being involved in a high speed traffic crash.

Texas Department of Public Safety responded and worked the crash. The incident was captured on in car video as well as body cam footage.

The subject was identified as Ross Tayler Johnson DOB 03-15-93. Next of Kin was notified.