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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1488-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/26/2023 8:44 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lubbock Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 2000
Agency City:	Lubbock	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79457		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Floyd
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Mitchell		
Reporter Name:	Don Billingsley	Reporter Email:	dbillingsley@mylubbock.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Sean

Middle Name:

Last Name: Sturgess

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/24/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/16/2022 12:17 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/16/2022 9:39 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 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: 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?: 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: 2515 40th

City: Lubbock

County: Lubbock

Zip: 79413

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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: 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:

Possibly 22.07 Terroristic Treat

Offense 2:

PC42.07 Harassment

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:	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?:	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?:	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?:	Yes	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:	Yes	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 October 15, 2022 the Lubbock Police Department responded to two (2) different locations involving the decedent (Sean Sturgess). The first call was in reference to a domestic disturbance. Sean Sturgess was not on scene, however he was suspected of making terroristic threats and harassing phone calls. While on scene of the first call, officers were informed Sean Sturgess had sent a suicidal message, stating he wanted to harm himself. Officers were then dispatched to the Sean Sturgess' residence where officers located him inside his vehicle, in the driveway. When officers approached his vehicle, they observed Sean Sturgess raise a firearm to his head. Officers took cover and gave commands for Sean Sturgess to lower his weapon. A short time later officers heard a pop, from inside the vehicle. Officers approached the vehicle and observed Sean Sturgess with what appeared to be a self inflicted gun shot wound to the head. Sean Sturgess was transported to the hospital, via EMS where he later dead from his injuries. He was pronounced dead at 21:39 hours, on October 15, 2022.