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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	11/14/2022 1:46 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hopkins County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	298 Rosemont Street
Agency City:	Sulphur Springs	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75482		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Lewis
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Tatum		
Reporter Name:	Corley Weatherford	Reporter Email:	cweatherford@hopkinscountytx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Hollis

Middle Name: Blaine

Last Name: Sartin

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/14/1974 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 48

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/25/2022 11:51 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/25/2022 11:51 AM

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:	Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:
Rifle wound to abdomen

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?:	Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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?:	Rifle/shotgun

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:	16607 HWY 11 east	City:	Pickton
County:	Hopkins	Zip:	75471

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:

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: 11/14/2022 1:06 PM

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:

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against public servant

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:	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:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	Yes
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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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 October 12, 2022, Deputy Aaron Chaney responded to a Speak to an Officer call at the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office. He made contact with Jessica Sartin (W/F DOB 04/27/1990) the complainant/victim. Ms. Sartin stated Hollis Blaine Sartin (W/M DOB 07/14/1974) her ex-husband, has sent private images to one of their mutual friends David Rosson (W/M 07/16/1986) without her consent. Ms. Sartin advised David Rosson received intimate visual images of her engaged in sexual acts. David Rosson immediately notified Ms. Sartin and sent her screen shot photos of the conversation he received from Hollis Blaine Sartin.
Ms. Sartin stated she had previously been married to Mr. Sartin from 2017 until 2021. She stated she and Mr. Sartin attempted to reconcile and get back together in February of 2022, but still could not resolve their issues, eventually splitting up this year. She stated she has an open harassment case filed with Sulphur Springs P.D. and protective orders. Ms. Sartin advised she wished to pursue criminal charges against Mr. Sartin for disclosing the intimate images to other people without her permission.
On October 20, 2022, Deputy Chaney received Voluntary Written Statements, images and screen shots of the conversation from Ms. Sartin and Mr. Rosson for his report and completed the offense report for Unlawful

Disclosure or Promotion of Intimate Visual Material on Mr. Hollis Blaine Sartin.
In reviewing the images and statements of what transpired it is my belief Mr. Hollis Blaine Sartin committed Unlawful Disclosure or Promotion of Intimate Visual Material by distributing visual material of Ms. Sartin's intimate parts without her effective consent and with the intent to harm her.
The case of Unlawful Disclosure or Promotion of Intimate Visual Material 180 days - 2 years in State Jail and optional fine not to exceed $10,000 will be sent to the District Attorney for prosecution.

October 31, 2022
On October 25, 2022 at approximately 8:00am, I prepared a PC Affidavit for a Warrant of Arrest for Hollis Blaine Sartin. I submitted the Affidavit to B.J. Teer, JP PCT 1, Hopkins County, Texas. Honorable Teer signed the Warrant of Arrest and returned it to me. I submitted the original copy of the Warrant to Hopkins County Sheriff`s Office Communications, then placed a copy in the case file. I notified Deputy Chaney the Warrant for Hollis Blaine Sartin was obtained.
I was in Sheriff Lewis Tatum`s office at approximately 11:00am when he received a phone call from Patrol Sgt. Todd Evans. Sheriff Tatum finished the phone call with Sgt. Evans, then stated Sgt. Evans advised he contacted Hollis Blaine Sartin by text regarding the Warrant for Arrest. I understood Mr. Sartin stated to Sgt. Evans that he was not planning on complying or planning on exiting his residence peacefully. Sheriff Tatum stated to me he was going to the location to talk to Mr. Sartin. Also, Sheriff Tatum stated he had previous knowledge of Mr. Sartin and felt he would listen to him. I told Sheriff Tatum I would go with him.
While en route to the scene, Sheriff Tatum contacted Sgt. Evans. Sheriff Tatum advised Sgt. Evans to hold the scene until our arrival. We arrived at the scene at approximately 11:30am and met Sgt. Evans. Sgt. Evans indicated Mr. Sartin`s residence was one of two houses beyond a nearby fence. Sheriff Tatum drove his unit in that direction stopping at Deputy Chaney`s patrol unit parked on the south side of Hwy 11E. Sheriff Tatum asked Deputy Chaney the location of Mr. Sartin`s residence. Deputy Chaney stated Mr. Sartin`s resdence was where the white mail box was visable. Sheriff Tatum drove into the driveway stopping near a wire fence located in the front of the property. We both exited the vehicle. Sheriff Tatum walked towards to front of the residence. I walked towards to rear of the residence. I located a rear door and a tinted window. Also, I saw cameras located on the corners of the south and southeast side roof eaves. I heard Sheriff Tatum announced to Mr. Sartin, " Blaine, this is Lewis Tatum, come out of the house and talk to me". Sheriff Tatum repeated the announcement again. I did not hear any verbal response from Mr. Sartin nor did I hear any movement from within the residence.
Sheriff Tatum and I walked back to the entrance of the driveway. Sheriff Tatum motioned to Deputy Chang, who was positioned east of the residence on Hwy 11E, to approach our location. Deputy Chang drove his patrol unit onto the Mr. Sartin`s driveway. Sheriff Tatum opened Deputy Chang`s right front passenger door to access the Public Address system. I approached Deputy Chang`s driver side opened door. Sheriff Tatum announced to Mr. Sartin, " Blaine, this is Sheriff Tatum, please come out and talk to me". I heard a muffled gunshot sound coming from the direction of the residence. I directed by eyes to the front of the residence and notice a bullet hole in the residence`s front window. Sheriff Tatum and Deputy Chang announced, "Shots fired, shots fired". Deputy Chang, Sheriff Tatum and myself left our positions and took cover behind Deputy Chang`s patrol unit. Then, I proceeded to a grey and white colored metal shop building, located approximately 20 ft. from the patrol unit, repositioning myself in an effort to secure a visual of the rear and southeast side of the residence. I heard several gunshots similiar to the first gunshot and two louder gunshots. No other gunshots were heard. I remained at this location until the SWAT team arrived. I relocated my position to the roadway on Hwy 11E, in front of the residence and behind when the SWAT team deployed tear gas. I remained at this locaton until it was determined the level of the threat had deminished.
I approached Sgt. Investigator Shea Shaw who was standing by Deputy Chaney`s patrol unit. Investigator Shaw asked me to "hold" the immediate area where two spent casing were laying. Texas Ranger John Vance, Sgt. Investigator Michael Russell, Sgt. Investigator Shaw and myself assisted in the collection of evidence from the scene. I cleared from the scene and approximately 3:30pm and returned to the office.