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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 22-175-CJ | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 9/11/2023 1:49 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Travis County Sheriff's Dept. | Agency Address: | 5555 Airport Blvd. |
| Agency City: | Austin | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 78751 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Sally |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Hernandez | | |
| Reporter Name: | Alonzo Maldonado | Reporter Email: | alonzo.maldonado@traviscountytx.gov |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jared

Middle Name: Jon

Last Name: Bell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/6/1989 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/7/2022 11:27 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/9/2022 11:07 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: Suicide

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hanging

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

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| Medical Treatment: | No |

## If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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| 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)

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| Type of weapon that caused death?: | Not Applicable |

## Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

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| 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?

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| Means of Death: | Hanging, strangulation |

# Location / Custody Information

## Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 500 West 10th Street | City: | Austin |
| County: | Travis | Zip: | 78701 |

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Correctional facility/County Jail

## 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 - day room/recreation area

## 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: 2/7/2022 11:27 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:

Unlawful possession of a firearm by felon 3rd Degree Felony

Offense 2:

Manufacture Delivery of Controlled Substance in penalty group 1A 1st Degree Felony

Offense 3:

Manufacture Delivery of Controlled Substance in penalty group 2 1st Degree Felony

Were the Charges:: Filed

## What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon

## 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: Unknown

## 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

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| Exhibit any mental health problems?: | Yes | Exhibit any medical problems?: | Unknown |

### At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?: | Unknown | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: | Unknown |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s): | Unknown | Gain possession of officer's weapon: | No |
| Verbally threaten other(s) including law: | Unknown | Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: | Unknown |
| Attempt gain possession officer's weapon: | Unknown | | |

### Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

### Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On February 9, 2022 the Travis County Sheriff's Office had an inmate death in custody. The inmate is identified as Jared Jon Bell, W/M DOB: 03/06/1989, Booking #22-2319. Inmate Bell was housed at the Travis County Jail located at 500 W. 10th Street Austin, TX 78701 on the second floor, P4 303 (Ida unit). At approximately 9:11 A.M. on February 9, 2022 Bell requested to use the phone in the Ida unit. The phone apparently did not work in that unit, so Bell was placed in the King unit dayroom at approximately 9:19 A.M. to use the phone by Corrections Officer Alex Henderson #6921. At the time, the King unit was vacant of any other inmate. At approximately 10:13 A.M. Officer Henderson discovered Bell had hanged himself while conducting a post visual by apparently wrapping the phone cord around his neck and sitting down. Officer Henderson called for assistance, and other staff members immediately responded to assist. CPR was immediately initiated by TCSO staff until paramedics arrived. Paramedics continued CPR until Bell was declared deceased at 11:07 by Doctor Abraham.