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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1865-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/29/2022 8:17 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Amarillo Police Dept.	Agency Address:	200 SE 3rd Ave
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79101		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Martin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Birkenfeld		
Reporter Name:	Douglas (Brent) Harlan	Reporter Email:	brent.harlan@amarillo.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jacob

Middle Name: Salas

Last Name: Tijerina

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/6/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/15/2022 1:04 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/19/2022 5:00 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:

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Autopsy from Forensic Pathologist's report lists the cause of death as suicide, "forced law enforcement to shoot him with handgun".

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?: 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:	3808 W. 6th Avenue	City:	Amarillo
County:	Potter	Zip:	79106

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

Location Category: Business

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 2/15/2022 1:45 PM

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:

Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Offense 3:

Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child Continuous-Victim under the age of 14

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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: Displayed firearm without discharge

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?:	Yes	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:	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 Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Crisis Intervention Team officers and civilian counselors were sent on a subject making suicidal statements. CIT officer contacted the suspect via telephone, and was met with defensive and hostile language, resulting in the suspect hanging up on the officer. A phone "ping" was conducted, and determined the possible location for the suspect to be 3808 W. 6th in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas. This location was a tattoo parlor, and the CIT officers discontinued the "ping" thinking that the business line was the one that had been sought. CIT officer spoke with the reporting party to determine the nature of the threats, and the reporting party advised that the suspect was not known to have firearms, but was known to carry a knife. The decision was made to conduct a welfare check for the suspect at the tattoo parlor. An additional CIT officer and civilian counselor were summoned to the scene to conduct the check. As the officers approached the business, they noted that the tattoo parlor was very busy with patrons and tattoo artists. As the CIT officers and civilian counselors entered the business, they asked for the suspect by the name that was given by the reporting party. The suspect emerged through a wide doorway separating the tattoo shop from a large back room, carrying a black semi-automatic handgun in his left hand. The officer told him to drop the weapon, and he responded by raising the weapon and pointing it at the officer. The officer discharged his firearm resulting in the incapacitation of the suspect. The officers administered aid, and additional officers and medical personnel were called to the scene. The suspect was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in critical condition. The suspect remained in the hospital until the time of his death on February 19, 2022.

Unbeknownst to the CIT officers, the suspect was a listed in an on-going sexual assault case against his 14-year-old stepdaughter. The assigned detective for this case contacted him by phone in the morning hours of February 15th, and requested that he come in and speak with them about the case. The suspect delayed

the meeting, which was scheduled to have occurred on Thursday, February 17th, 2022. A warrant was issued for him the following day for the Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child-Victim under the Age of 14, and had he survived his injuries, additional charges of Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon would have been sought for this incident.