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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-692-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/29/2022 8:58 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Gregg County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	101 E. Methvin, Suite 559
Agency City:	Longview	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75601		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Maxey
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cerliano		
Reporter Name:	Jeff Callaway	Reporter Email:	jeff.callaway@co.gregg.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ashley

Middle Name: Elizabeth

Last Name: Maxwell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/31/1979 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/26/2022 10:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/26/2022 11:08 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:

Hanging

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?:	Not Applicable

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:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 100 West Whaley
City: Longview
County: Gregg
Zip: 75601

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

County Jail cell

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 - multiple occupancy cell

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: 5/24/2022 4:44 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:

Resisting Arrest

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Criminal Trespass

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?: Unknown

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): N/A

Make suicidal statements?: No

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

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Suicide by hanging in a cell that housed 3 other inmates.

Victim was booked in on 5/24/22 for Criminal Trespass and Resisting Arrest, and was placed on suicide watch upon housing, where she remained for the jailing due to her having a documented history of mental illness and drug abuse.

On 05/26/2022, at about 10:40 PM, a jailer doing an unscheduled floor walk found Victim hanging by the neck, against the front metal grate cell wall of her cell. Victim used the cell's television cable wire to form a makeshift noose, and she secured the wire and noose to the heavy wire mesh cell wall that made up the front wall of the cell. The cable extended from the ceiling, down to an area low enough to allow Maxwell to climb the steel mesh wall to reach the noose, and high enough to allow her body to hang from the noose with the feet off of the floor. Victim had secured the cable and noose to the wall by threading the cable through the mesh, and making a knot there, which took the weight off of the ceiling wire receptacle and allowed the cable to support her weight.

The jailer who found Victim immediately called for assistance, and with the additional staff, they were able to remove her from the cable noose. Victim was placed on the floor, and staff began CPR on her. Staff also had EMS summoned, who later arrived and took over resuscitative measures. EMS later transported Victim to Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead at about 11:08 pm.

The Texas Rangers investigated the death, with assistance from the GCSO CID. Justice of the Peace B.J. Jameson performed the inquest at the hospital, and ordered an autopsy;

An autopsy was subsequently performed; the postmortem toxicology analysis was positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine, the cause of death was found to be Hanging, with the manner of death determined to be Suicide.