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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1225-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/14/2023 1:40 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Randall County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	9100 S. Georgia St.
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79118		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Christopher
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Forbis		
Reporter Name:	Matt Stockstill	Reporter Email:	mstockstill@rc-sheriff.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Clayton

Middle Name: Lamar

Last Name: Shennum

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/19/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/31/2023 10:17 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/14/2023 5:18 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:

See autopsy report

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?: 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:	9100 S Georgia St	City:	Amarillo
County:	Randall	Zip:	79118

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

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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 - single 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:	7/31/2023 10:17 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Inside the Jail in a single cell

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:

DWI 3rd or More

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

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: No

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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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 August 14, 2023 at approximately 4:50 AM Randall County Sheriff's Office had an in custody death. Inmate Shennum, Clayton Lamar w/m 05/19/1984 was found unresponsive in cell CA-112 shower with a mattress cover tied around his neck. The Officer working the housing area waited for back up and when it arrived inmate Shennum was removed from the shower and life saving measures were administered. Ambulance personal arrived and assisted in life saving measures and then ran an EKG strip that showed no activity in the heart. The time on the EKG strip showed 5:18 AM.
The Texas Rangers were notified of the death in custody and Sgt. Scott Swick is the ranger in charge of the investigation. Justice of the Peace Tracy Byrd arrived and ordered autopsy.