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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1505-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/13/2024 2:07 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lufkin Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO Drawer 190
Agency City:	Lufkin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75902		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	David
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Thomas		
Reporter Name:	David Cross	Reporter Email:	buddycross@lufkinpolice.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mason

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: West

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/8/2002 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 21

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/14/2023 3:41 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/14/2023 7:01 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:

Self inflicted gun shot to the head-pending autopsy results

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?: 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:	102 Melvin Avenue	City:	Lufkin
County:	Angelina	Zip:	75904

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ✓

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?: 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:

Attempted Murder

Offense 2:

Felony Evading Arrest or Detention

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?:	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?:	Unknown
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?:	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:	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 11-14-23 at approximately 1533 Officers with the Lufkin Police Department received a reckless driver call for service. Officers went to the area and spotted the suspect vehicle and ran the license plate and determined that this was a vehicle that they had been previously looking for that had been involved in an attempted murder in the county. Officers activated their emergency lights in an attempt to stop the vehicle and suspect and the suspect fled in the vehicle. Lufkin officer pursued the suspect through town and other unit joined in the pursuit. The suspect turned onto Melvin Street and stopped his vehicle in the 100 block and jumped out and fled on foot. Officers gave chase and the suspect ran into the front door of the residence at 102 Melvin in Lufkin. Officers attempted to enter the residence to pursue the suspect but the occupants of the residence stopped them at the front door. As officer were attempting to gain entry into the residence the owner of the residence advised that the suspect had just shot himself in the rear of the house. Officers went around the right outside of the residence and located the suspect laying face down with blood coming from his head area. Officers turned him over and located a handgun underneath the suspect and began life saving measures, being CPR. An ambulance was called to respond and arrived on scene and took the suspect to CHI St. Lukes Hospital in Lufkin for emergency treatment. The scene was preserved for evidence collection and the Texas Rangers were called to come and assist with the investigation. The Rangers arrived and Lufkin detectives began their investigation and collection of evidence post search warrant for the residence at 102 Melvin in Lufkin. The suspect was later identified as Mason West W.M DOB 11/08/2002. He was also identified as the suspect in the attempted murder of a male in Angelina County just prior to the pursuit by Lufkin PD officers. The suspect West was pronounced deceased by Judge Bill Ball Angelina County JP#1 at 1901 hours that same date 11-14-23.