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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-271-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/7/2024 9:57 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Victoria County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	101 N. Glass
Agency City:	Victoria	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77901		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Justin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Marr		
Reporter Name:	Joseph Randolph	Reporter Email:	jrandolph@vctx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Shane

Middle Name:

Last Name: Poncik

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/17/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/1/2024 12:07 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/7/2024 5:46 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Inmate hung himself in cell, within 1.5 hrs. of arriving at jail.

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:	101 North Glass Street	City:	Victoria
County:	Victoria	Zip:	77901

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:	3/1/2024 12:07 AM

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:

INJ CHILD/ELDERLY/DISABLED RECKLESS BI

Offense 2:

ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER

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; Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?:	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 03/01/2024 Inmate Shane Poncik, a W/M, DOB 11/17/1982 arrived at the Victoria County Jail at approximately 00:07 hrs. after being arrested by the Victoria Police department for ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER and INJ CHILD/ELDERLY/DISABLED RECKLESS BI.

Inmate Poncik was placed in a single cell due to not being able to be mixed with other Inmates due to his charges. Inmate Poncik was screened for suicide and medical/mental issues, utilizing the Screening Form for Suicide and Medical / Mental / Developmental Impairments and the Communicable Disease Form in which he did not flag as being suicidal.

As Officer Clifford, K. was conducting her security scans / cell checks at 01:28 Hrs. she found Inmate Poncik hanging in his cell utilizing his t-shirt. Inmate Poncik was immediately taken down and first aid was rendered. EMS was contacted and responded. Inmate Poncik was transported to Citizens Medical Center ER where he was placed on life support.

Citizens Medical center notified the Victoria County Jail that Inmate Ponciks' brain had swelling and no brain activity and that they would be removing him from life support.

Victoria County released Inmate Poncik from custody at 10:21 Hrs. on 03/01/2024 on Personal Bonds.

On 03/03/2024 at 0905 hrs. Inmate Poncik was pronounced deceased by Dr. Leggett from Citizens Medical Center.

The Texas Rangers were notified at the time of the incident.

On 03/05/2024 I Lieutenant Randolph was informed by Texas Ranger Brant Johnston, that he was notified on this date that the doctor in Dallas, Texas that was going to be performing the organ harvesting of Shane Poncik said the Shane was not deceased, that he was over breathing his ventilation. Ranger Johnston stated that Shane was Shane was sent to Nuclear Medicine to complete the Cerebral Blood Flow testing and the results came back with flow he was not dead.

On 03/06/2024, Ranger Johnston informed Lieutenant Randolph, that Shane had been placed in ICU and they were not going to be placing him on ventilation or respiratory assistance and they were going to be letting him go through the end of life process.

I will be adding another amendment once, I have been notified that Shane has been pronounced deceased.

On 03/07/2024 I Lieutenant Randolph was informed that Shane Poncik was pronounced deceased at 0546 hrs on 05/07/2024.