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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-391-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/1/2024 9:36 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Tarrant County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 Taylor St., Plaza Bldg. 7th Floor
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76196		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Waybourn		
Reporter Name:	Richard Harwell	Reporter Email:	rbharwell@tarrantcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ronald

Middle Name: Kenneth

Last Name: Reese

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/16/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/22/2023 5:51 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/7/2024 4:10 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:

Suicide by hanging

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?: Other Weapon,
specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Ligature

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:	200 Taylor	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76102

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 - 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:	11/22/2023 5:51 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:

POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=4G<200G (481.115(d)) - F2

Offense 2:

TAMPER/FABRICATE PHYS EVID W/INTENT TO IMPAIR (37.09(c)) - F3

Offense 3:

EVADING ARREST DETENTION (38.04(b)) - MA

Were the Charges:: Filed

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: 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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health

problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

in-custody death of Tarrant County Inmate REESE, RONALD,
white male, DOB: 11/16/1991 CID # 0805700, who had been housed at the Tarrant County Jail at 100 N Lamar St, Fort
Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76196. Inmate Reese had been in TCSO custody since 11/22/2023 on three (3) charges,
TAMPER/FABRICATE PHYS EVID W/INTENT TO IMPAIR (37.09(c)) - F3, POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=4G<200G (481.115(d)) - F2, and EVADING ARREST DETENTION (38.04(b)) – MA.
Inmate Reese died on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at approximately 1610 hours at John Peter Smith Hospital. Inmate Reese
had been transported to JPS on 03/05/2024 after being found alone, hanging from a ligature device in his cell of 60D 28.
The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office was notified and will take possession of Inmate Reese following organ
harvesting as the deceased is a donor. Tarrant County Sheriff’s Detective Ramon Garcia
RMGarcia@tarrantcountytx.gov
817-884-1305 has been assigned the death investigation (TCSO report 2024-03121). The Fort Worth Police Department
Major Case Unit will perform an independent review of the case. Further documentation and reports will follow the
investigation as they become available.

TCME ruled Suicide by hanging