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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-411-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/19/2024 2:10 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Liberty County Sheriff's Ofc.	Agency Address:	2400 Beaumont Ave.
Agency City:	Liberty	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77575		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bobby
Director Middle Name:	J		
Director Last Name:	Rader		
Reporter Name:	William Knox	Reporter Email:	billy.knox@co.liberty.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name: Robert

Last Name: McComb

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/19/1964 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 59

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/20/2023 12:21 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/29/2024 6:21 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:	Unknown

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:	2400 Beaumont	City:	Liberty
County:	Lynn	Zip:	77575

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:	Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Hospital/Infirmary

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:	6/23/2023 1:30 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?:	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:

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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: 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: 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):	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault		Gain possession of officer's	

officer(s):	No	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 March 28, 2024, at approximately 1333, while returning inmates back to J-Dorm, an inmate approached Correctional Officer E. Merjil stating an inmate may have fallen in the shower.
Officer Merjil checked the shower and discovered Liberty County inmate Mccomb, John Robert (DOB 11/19/64). Officer Merjil called on the radio for assistance in J-Dorm and the 911 cutdown tool. Officer Merjil attempted to hold inmate Mccomb up until assistance arrived.
Correctional Officer B. Don and Correctional Officer H. Johnson arrived first and assisted Officer Merjil by helping hold the inmate up and started using the 911 cut down tool to cut the sheet free. Once the inmate was free the inmate was placed on the ground on the outside of the shower. Liberty County Fire Marshal L. Pierce, whom was on site in bookin at the time arrived to J-Dorm and initiated CPR. Medical staff arrived and assisted. Captain B. Chapman called 911. Jail Administrator H. Guerrero arrived on the scene at approximately 1336. 911 Medical Services arrived at the jail at 1340 and took over the scene. Inmate Mccomb was transported to Liberty Dayton Hospital via Ambulance with Lieutenant C. Sepulvado on board. Jail Administrator H. Guerrero followed the ambulance.