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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-811-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/6/2024 3:41 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Pecos County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1647
Agency City:	Fort Stockton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79735		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Thomas
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Perkins		
Reporter Name:	Thomas Perkins	Reporter Email:	tj.perkins@co.pecos.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Justin

Middle Name: Wade

Last Name: Hancock

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/23/1995 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/10/2024 3:50 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/10/2024 11:33 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

.Gunshot Wound to Back Due to Shock

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?: Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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?: Could not be determined

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:	4638 E Hwy 11	City:	Bakersfield, Texas
County:	Pecos	Zip:	79752

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

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: 3/10/2024 3:50 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:

Agg Robbery

Offense 2:

Agg Assault on a Public Servant

Offense 3:

Escape from Sutton County Jail

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:	Displayed firearm without discharge

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	Yes	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:	Yes	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 March 10, 2024, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Pecos County Deputies responded to a pursuit traveling west on IH-10 initiated by Sutton County Sheriff’s Office. The pursuit involved an escaped Sutton County jail inmate (Justin Wade HANCOCK W/M age 28) , who had also carjacked a female at a Crockett County roadside park in Crockett County. At the time of the call dispatcher advised the suspect HANCOCK had taken a female Hostage.

A Pecos County Sheriff’s Deputy joined the pursuit as it continued traveling West into Pecos County on IH-10 west. DPS was able to effectively deploy a tire deflation device, causing a deflated tire. The suspect HANCOCK took the Bakersfield exit and drove into the Exxon gas station parking lot, where he attempted to take a motorist vehicle at gunpoint. Pecos County Deputy engaged in gunfire, and the suspect was struck. The suspect was transferred to an Odessa hospital where he later succumbed to injuries. It was later determined that there was no Hostage taken.

The involved deputy has been placed on paid administrative leave as per Pecos County Sheriff’s Office policy. The name of the involved deputy will not be released at this time. The Texas Rangers will lead this investigation as it is an active ongoing investigation.

Pecos County Sheriff TJ Perkins