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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 24-957-CJ | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 7/2/2024 10:39 AM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Hunt County Sheriff's Dept. | Agency Address: | 2801 Stuart St. |
| Agency City: | Greenville | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 75401 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Terry |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Jones | | |
| Reporter Name: | Roger Seals | Reporter Email: | rseals@huntcounty.net |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Van

Middle Name: Ha

Last Name: Nguyen

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/9/1985

Sex: Male

Race: Asian or Pacific Islander

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/17/2024 10:50 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/29/2024 9:33 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: Suicide

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

1. Hanging
2. Bicuspid aortic valve
3. Cholelithiasis
4. By history, the decedent was found hanging by an article of clothing in the county jail. He was resuscitated and transported to the hospital where he was maintained on life support in the intensive care unit.

## Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

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| Medical Treatment: | No |

## If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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| 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)

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| Means of Death: | Hanging, strangulation |

# Location / Custody Information

## Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 2801 Stuart Street | City: | Greenville |
| County: | Hunt | Zip: | 75423 |

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

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| Location Category: | Law Enforcement Facility |

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

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| Type of Custody: | County Jail |

## Specific type of custody/facility:

| Specific Type of Custody/Facility: |
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| 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):

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| Entry Date Time: | 6/18/2024 5:25 AM |

## Where did the death occur?

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| Death Location: | Law enforcement facility/booking center |

# 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:

Possession of a Controlled Substance PG 1 < 1G

Offense 2:

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: 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: 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:

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| 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

### Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Inmate Nguyen was found in his single cell unresponsive. Inmate Nguyen was found with his jail issued uniform pants tied to the handrail in the shower and around his neck. Medical assistance was provided and Inmate Nguyen was transported to Hunt Regional Medical Center.
A Detention Officer stuck paperwork in the door and Inmate Nguyen was observed moving the paperwork from the door. Inmate Nguyen was found unresponsive fourteen minutes after the last cell check. Inmate Nguyen later died at Hunt Regional Hospital.