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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-252-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/3/2025 11:39 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Amarillo Police Dept.	Agency Address:	200 SE 3rd Ave
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79101		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Martin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Birkenfeld		
Reporter Name:	Billy DeWitt	Reporter Email:	billy.dewitt@amarillo.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Zane

Middle Name: Calum

Last Name: Prescott

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/5/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/17/2025 5:15 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/18/2025 2:08 AM

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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

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Cause of Death Blood loss.
Due to Injuries of heart and bilateral lungs.
Due to Contact Penetrating Gunshot Wound of the Chest.

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

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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?: 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?: 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: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	50 S. FM 2381	City:	Amarillo
County:	Potter	Zip:	79124

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

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:

Warrant-Violation of Protective Order

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest with Motor Vehicle

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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?: 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?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health

problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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 17th, 2025, Officers with the Amarillo Police Department received a 911 call about a suicidal post on Facebook. The profile the post was posted on was linked to Zane Calum Prescott. The caller requested a welfare check on Zane. Officers located Zane sitting in his vehicle at 4609 SW 16th. He displayed a handgun after threatening suicide. A SWAT call up was started and a perimeter was setup. Warrant for Violation of Protective Order was issued due to him possessing a firearm in violation of his bond conditions. A tactical plan to pin suspect vehicle in was set in place. Zane was able to drive out of the driveway breaking through a wooden fence. He led officers on car chase and was finally spiked after approximately one hour. He continued driving north and his vehicle stopped at 50 S. FM 2381. SWAT officers approached and used less lethal bean bag round to generate response from suspect. He gave no response and arrest team removed him from vehicle. He was found to have self-inflicted gunshot wound to his chest and was pronounced deceased at 2:08 am on March 18th, 2025.