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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-353-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/9/2025 11:04 AM	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: Xavier

Middle Name: Daniel

Last Name: Groetsch

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/16/2005 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 19

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/6/2025 3:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/6/2025 5:15 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

M.D. opinion after findings.....this subject shot himself accidentally while being pursued and at the same time attempting to shoot back at the Deputy.

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cranio-encephalic injuries due to a gunshot wound of head.

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?: 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?: 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:	8-miles East of Iraan on Hwy 190	City:	Ozona
County:	Crockett	Zip:	76943

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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: 5/6/2025 5:15 PM

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:

Attempted Capitol Murder

Offense 2:

UUMV

Offense 3:

Poss of a Stolen Firarm

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:	Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

at the time the suspect was stopped for traffic violation.

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:	Discharged firearm

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	Injured law enforcement

Injure Others:	personnel

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?:	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:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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 05/06/2025 at Approximately 3:00PM, a Pecos County Deputy pulled over a subject in a red truck for speeding, in Iraan, Texas located at 101 West 6th Street. Deputy walked up to the subject the driver, ID later as Xavier Groetsch a W/M. The Deputy walked up the to the passenger side of the vehicle and she asked for the drivers, LIC and registration, about that time the suspect pulled and gun-9mm and shot the female deputy and the suspect took off at high rate of speed. Another Deputy located the vehicle on a dirt road East on Iraan approximately 8 miles out in Crocket County. The Deputy pulled his AR-15 rifle and stepped out of his patrol vehicle and ordered the driver to show his hands and to step out SEVERAL TIMES he was ordered to get out and show his hands. The suspect took off at high rate driving towards the Deputy. The Deputy fired several rounds at the suspect that was in the truck. As the suspect truck passed the Deputy, he the suspect fired at the Deputy. The suspect crashed into a fence pole. About that time several units arrived, including DPS. The suspect (Xavier GROETSCH) was seen and EMS but was deceased at the scene.

Texas Rangers arrived and took over the scene. The Deputy that was shot was airlifted to Midland Hospital where she is in stable Condition.

Pecos County Sheriff Thomas Perkins