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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-419-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/4/2025 10:25 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Chambers County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	PO BOX 998
Agency City:	Anahuac	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77514		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Brian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hawthorne		
Reporter Name:	Skylor Hearn	Reporter Email:	sdhearn@chamberstx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jonathan

Middle Name: Andrew

Last Name: Findley

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/20/1987 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 5/31/2025 12:13 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/31/2025 12:13 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

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

Medical Treatment: No

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:	Interstate 10 service road at Laurel Avenue	City:	Beaumont
County:	Jefferson	Zip:	77707

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:

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:
Capital Murder	
	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:	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:	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 Injure Others:	Killed 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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	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 Friday, May 30, 2025 at approximately 11:43 p.m., deputies with the Chambers County Sheriff's Office received information from Galveston County Sheriff's Office that a suspect (John Findley) in a double homicide that had just occurred was possibly heading into Chambers County. Deputies and a Game Warden were able to locate the suspect vehicle in Winnie, Texas. Deputies tried to initiate a traffic stop on Hwy 124 in Winnie. The suspect refused to pulled over and fled at high rates of speed in his vehicle. Deputies chased the subject using lights and siren east bound on IH-10 towards Beaumont. Suspect traveled at speeds well over 100 mph with little regard for the safety of other drivers on the roadway. As the deputies entered the city limits of Beaumont, Beaumont Police Department assisted with the pursuit. The suspect exited IH-10 at the Laurel exit and continued east bound on the service road. The suspect made a left hand turn onto Calder and struck a curb with his front tires causing them to blow out. The suspect continued to flee at much slower speeds and turned back westbound bound on the IH-10 service road. As the vehicle was approaching Laurel Avenue, the vehicle slowed, veered to the right striking another curb and the slowly crossed the lanes of travel coming to a rest in the grassy median near Laurel and IH-10. A felony stop was conducted with no response from the driver. It was suspected that the suspect shot himself just prior to the vehicle coming to a stop. Beaumont PD utilized a drone to fly to the drivers side of the vehicle to view what the suspect was doing. Officers and deputies were able to see that the suspect was suffering from what appeared to be a self inflicted gun shot wound to the head. The suspect was removed from the vehicle and pronounced dead. A handgun was found next to the suspect covered in blood. Beaumont PD conducted an investigation into the death of Jonathan Findley while Galveston County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation into the double homicide that

Jonathan Findley was suspected of committing. Chambers County Deputies were the primary units in the pursuit and attempted detention of Jonathan Findley.