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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-998-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/8/2025 3:29 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hill County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	PO BOX 283
Agency City:	Hillsboro	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76645		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Hunter
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Barnes		
Reporter Name:	Timothy Westmoreland	Reporter Email:	twestmoreland@co.hill.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Justin

Middle Name: Kent

Last Name: Mouser

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/5/1977 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 48

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/24/2025 10:18 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/24/2025 10:54 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gunshot wounds

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?:	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?:	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:	450 HCR 4243	City:	Hillsboro
County:	Hill	Zip:	76645

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 subsequent to 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:
Attempted 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:	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:	Discharged firearm

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

	Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement 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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 11-24-2025 at around 9:00 am, Hill County Sheriff's Deputy Kendrick Scott received a report of a possibly disturbed person who had made threatening statements to family members. Deputy Scott responded and made phone contact with a female subject, identified as Janice Mouser. Janice Mouser stated that her adult son, Justin Mouser, resided at 450 HCR 4243, Hillsboro, Texas in the family home. Janice went on to state that Justin Mouser had made recent threats that he may harm or kill family members during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays of 2025. This was the result of a living situation dispute, in which Janice

stated she told Justin that she may have him removed from the residence at some point. Janice went on to explain that she believed Justin to possibly have mental health issues and had displayed mental issues in the past. Janice was not at the above listed location at the time, but at a residence nearby.

After speaking with Janice by phone, Deputy Scott made way to the address in question and attempted contact with Justin Mouser at the front door of the home. When arriving at the front door, Deputy Scott proceeded to open the front glass door of the home and attempt to knock on the solid (actual) front door. Before Deputy Scott could knock on the solid exterior door, a white male, later identified as Justin Mouser, opened the door and had a semi-automatic handgun in his right hand. Before Deputy Scott could say a word to announce himself or his presence, Justin Mouser lifted the handgun, saying something to the effect of wanting Deputy Scott off the property, while pointing the handgun at Deputy Scott. The two were within five (5) feet of each other at the time and Deputy Scott was standing in the somewhat narrow entryway of the front porch area with nowhere to immediately escape to, other than moving directly backward. Being confronted with the handgun so quickly by Justin Mouser, Deputy Scott let go of the glass door, and immediately drew his duty issued handgun with his left hand. Justin Mouser and Deputy Scott exchanged gunfire at each other in this close quarter area of the front porch, with Deputy Scott retreating and falling backward into the front yard. It is unknown if Justin Mouser was struck by gunfire at this point, however, Deputy Scott had taken one bullet to his handheld radio that was attached to his bulletproof vest carrier during this exchange of gunfire.

As Deputy Scott retreated backward into the front yard, Justin Mouser appeared to pursue Deputy Scott into the front yard with the handgun still in his right hand. At this point, Deputy Scott's handgun jammed and was inoperable, causing Deputy Scott to retreat to the other side of his marked patrol unit for cover. This patrol unit was parked in the driveway of the home. During this time, assisting personnel arrived on scene, consisting of HCSO Deputy Hannah White and HCSO Deputy Mason Griffin, who were a two-deputy unit at the time. Both assisting Deputies observed and heard the gunfire exchange between Justin Mouser and Deputy Scott. These two assisting Deputies stopped their patrol unit in the driveway in front of the home and immediately exited and fired their weapons at Justin Mouser, who at this point appeared to be advancing toward Deputy Scott's position. Mouser was still in possession of the handgun at that point. Deputies White and Griffin fired multiple rounds at Justin Mouser, striking Mouser multiple times. Justin Mouser died on scene as a result of his wounds sustained.