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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-179-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/7/2026 12:27 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Sweetwater Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 450
Agency City:	Sweetwater	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79556		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Cory
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Stroman		
Reporter Name:	Cory Stroman	Reporter Email:	cstroman@coswtr.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Hunter

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rotan

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/4/1997 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/6/2026 10:15 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/6/2026 10:15 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Subject was assessed by EMS staff and found to have no pulse or vital signs and was pronounced dead at the scene. Medical intervention was ceased by EMS personnel.

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: 100 Blk NE Georgia

City: SWEETWATER

County: Nolan

Zip: 79556

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:

Suicidal Subject / Welfare Check

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:	Displayed firearm without discharge; Discharged firearm

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?:	Unknown	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?:	N/A
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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Subject had brandished a firearm at his residence and placed it to his head advising he was going to shoot himself. While officers were responding subject left the residence as a passenger in a vehicle. Officers from the Sweetwater Police Department as well as Texas Highway Patrol located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, issuing verbal commands for the subject to exit the vehicle. Subject exited the vehicle and placed his firearm to his head and shot himself one time on the right side of the head near the temple. EMS arrived and found no signs of life and determined EMS intervention was not viable. Justice of the Peace was contacted and arrived at the scene along with Texas Ranger. Texas Rangers conducted the investigation.