KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16023C	Report Date:	1/29/2016 3:49 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	832	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Sweetwater Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX1770300
Agency Phone:	3252366686	Agency Address:	P. O. Box 450
Agency City:	Sweetwater	Agency County:	Nolan
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	79556

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Brian

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Frieda

Reporter Name:	Brian Frieda	Reporter Email:	bfrieda@coswtr.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2000 Lamar Street

City: Sweetwater

County: Nolan

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody:

Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

Custody Type Facility:

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: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lance

Middle Name: Erwin

Last Name: Light

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/1/1961 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 1/8/2016 11:30 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

1/2/2016 4:12 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:

Justifiable Homicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Injuries only

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot Wound to 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?:

Law enforcement/correctional staff

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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

General Information

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:

Homocide

Offense 2:

fleeing/evading arrest or detention motor vehicle

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by Officer

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or

Exhibit any mental health

drugs):	No	problems?:	

Exhibit any medical problems?:

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

Threaten the officer(s) involved:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Try to escape/flee from custody:	No	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No

Other Behavior:

Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	1

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 01/02/2016 The above mentioned suspect completed a single act of homicide in or near the community of Maryneal Nolan County Texas, and had reportedly left the scene in pursuit of another individual who had left the scene for the city of Sweetwater to seek refuge at the Sweetwater Police Department, however, Law Enforcement units from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Nolan County Sheriffs Department, and Sweetwater Police Department located the reported suspect and made an attempt to stop him. The suspect led law enforcement on an extensive pursuit through and around the city of Sweetwater before stopping in the 2000 Block of Lamar Street in the parking lot of an abandoned gas station, it was at that time the suspect exited his vehicle and brandished said firearm at three officers when a member of the Sweetwater Police Department fired a single three round burst with only one round striking the suspect in the head, it was at that

time the suspect went to the ground and his weapon moved out of reach and Sweetwater EMS arrived and immediately began performing live saving measures and immediately transported to Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital where the suspect was subsequently flown to Abilenes Hendricks Medical Center where the suspect subsequently passed away on January 08, 2016. This incident was investigated and diagrammed by the Texas Rangers. Nothing Further at this time.

BMF

01/29/2016