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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16089C	Report Date:	3/9/2016 10:21 AM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	241	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Ector County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Number:	TX0680000
Agency Phone:	4323353585	Agency Address:	2500 S. Highway 385
Agency City:	Odessa	Agency County:	Ector
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	79761

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

Mark

Director Middle Name:

R.

Director Last Name:

Donaldson

Reporter Name:	Lieutenant Diallo Bass	Reporter Email:	tonybass@ectorcountysheriff.us

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2400 E. Highway 80

City: Odessa

County: Ector

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:

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Custody of Peace Officer during/fleeing arrest

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 the crime/arrest scene

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: David

Middle Name: Perry

Last Name: Peeples

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/17/1980 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 3/3/2016 12:09 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

3/2/2016 11:26 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:

Suicide

Manner of Death Description:

Self Inflicted Gunshot Wound to the Chest

Death Reason:

Injuries only

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

N/A

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?:

Not applicable; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

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:

Aggravated Assault Family Violence

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest with a 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 Suicide

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	No	Exhibit any mental health 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:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Try to escape/flee from custody:	No	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No

Other Behavior:

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Specify Other Behavior:

Fleeing from Law Enforcement

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	0

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 March 2, 2016, Ector County Sheriff’s Deputies responded to 11701 W. University, Odessa, Ector County, Texas, reference a disturbance. On arrival deputies learned Lucy Stone had been assaulted by her boyfriend of three months. The boyfriend was identified as DAVID PERRY PEEPLES, WHITE MALE,

12-17-80, 2735 E. 8TH Apt 103, Odessa, Texas.DAVID PEEPLES committed the assault by striking Lucy Stone with hammer multiple times and threatening her with a firearm. After committing the assault, DAVID PEEPLES apologized to the Lucy Stone. David mentioned that he was either going to prison or would commit suicide while apologizing. DAVID PEEPLES later left the residence in a white four door Chevrolet Truck, bearing Texas license plate GCM-2933.Ector County Sheriff’s Office deputies located the vehicle driven by DAVID PEEPLES on East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas. Deputies attempted to stop the vehicle by activating emergency lights and sirens on marked Sheriff’s Office vehicles. DAVID PEEPLES refused to stop the vehicle and fled which led to a vehicle pursuit. Deputies pursued the vehicle until DAVID PEEPLES stopped the vehicle in the 2400 block of East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas. Deputies gave verbal commands for DAVID PEEPLES to exit the vehicle. All commands were ignored and deputies later heard a single gunshot inside the cab of the vehicle. After the gunshot, Deputies observed the driver’s side door open and approached the vehicle. Deputies observed the sole occupant (DAVID PEEPLES) from the vehicle. DAVID PEEPLES was seated in the driver’s seat at the time of apprehension. As Deputies removed DAVID PEEPLES from the vehicle they observed a handgun between his legs. Deputies also noticed a single gunshot wound to the chest of DAVID PEEPLES. DAVID PEEPLES was pronounced deceased at the scene 12:09 AM, by Ector County Medical Examiner Investigator David Parker. The body of DAVID PEEPLES was sent to Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office for autopsy.Preliminary autopsy results revealed the following: Contact (through clothing) entry gunshot wound of anterior chest with shored exit wound on left back. Cause of Death: Gunshot Wound of Chest, Manner of Death: Consistent with Suicide. Toxicology and Final Autopsy results pending.