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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16246CJ	Report Date:	6/13/2016 12:37 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	406	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Hunt County Sheriff\'s Dept.	Agency Number:	TX1160000
Agency Phone:	9034536800	Agency Address:	2801 Stuart
Agency City:	Greenville	Agency County:	Hunt
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	75401

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

Randy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Meeks

Reporter Name:	Texas Ranger Laura Simmons	Reporter Email:	laura.simmons@dps.texas.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2801 Stuart Street

City: Greenville

County: Hunt

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

Type of Custody:

County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - single cell

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: 3/2/2016 9:00 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At law enforcement facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jason

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Donnell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/11/1974 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 6/13/2016 6:05 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

3/2/2016 9:00 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 pending

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

Manner of Death:

Suicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Asphyxiation

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:

Not Applicable

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:

Hanging, strangulation

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:

Sexual Assault of a Child

Offense 2:

Indecency with a Child

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by NA

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:	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:

Specify Other Behavior:

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:

Inmate Donnell was in a protective custody single cell for approximately three months. Jailer conducted visual check at approximately 5:51 AM. New Jailer on duty found Inmate Donnell hanging on his cell door at 6:05 AM by his Long John pants. Jailers cut down Inmate Donnell, removed the long john pants material from around his neck and began CPR. Medical personnel arrived and pronounced Inmate Donnell deceased. Inmate Donnell left numerous letters indicating his "last words." In his last words, Inmate Donnell indicated he was ready to move on into his next life.