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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16285C	Report Date:	7/8/2016 12:00 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	879	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Tyler County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Number:	TX2290000
Agency Phone:	4092832172	Agency Address:	702 North Magnolia
Agency City:	Woodville	Agency County:	Tyler
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	75979

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

Bryan

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Weatherford

Reporter Name: Stevan Sturrock

Reporter Email: srock.sheriff@co.tyler.tx.us

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: FM 92 & FM 1746

City: Woodville

County: Tyler

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:

Custody of Peace Officer subsequent to 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 medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Shay

Last Name: Cassel

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/20/1975 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 6/1/2016 9:44 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

6/1/2016 9:00 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:

Other

Manner of Death Description:

Pending

Death Reason:

Don\'t know

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending

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?:

Don\'t know

Death Causer Other:

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

Type of Death Weapon:

Conducted energy device (e.g. Taser)

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?:

Don\'t know

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:

Don\'t know

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:

Burglary

Offense 2:

Fleeing

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 Officer

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?:	Yes
Try to escape/flee from custody:	Yes	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	Yes

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:

Yes

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Subject was a passenger in a motor vehicle stopped for a traffic violation. Subject ran on foot into the woods, deputies pursued, subject tripped, deputy tried to handcuff subject but was unable to restrain because subject kept resisting. Deputy tried to dry stun subject, but dry stunned himself, because of subject trying to get away from deputy. Deputy stepped back and tazed subject, subject complied by stopping any resistance, and deputy was able to handcuff subject. When deputy rolled subject over, he was not breathing. CPR and medical services were administered.