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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Juvenile Justice Department Office of Inspector General	Agency Address:	PO BOX 12757
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78711		

Director Information

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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Nathan

Middle Name: Patrick

Last Name: McMullen

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/9/2004 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 13

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/19/2017 2:32 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/31/2017 3:45 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

1. Hanging with terminal anoxic encephalomalacia
2. Bilateral bronchopneumonia

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?:	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

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 611 FM 3254
City: Brownwood
County: Brown
Zip: 76801

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

State Juvenile Correctional Complex

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

Type of Custody: Penitentiary

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Texas-Juvenile Justice Department - Facility/Detention Center, specify

Facility/Detention Center:

Ron Jackson Unit

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: 3/21/2017 2:23 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Hospice Care - Ector County

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: No

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:

Indecency with a Child

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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: No

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
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:

On May 19, 2017, decedent was discovered unresponsive by a juvenile correctional officer conducting routine room checks on 15 minute intervals. The decedent had utilized an agency issued bed sheet to hang himself from a concrete partition in his assigned room at the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex in Brownwood, TX. Though decedent had been diagnosed with a mental condition, including a prior suicide attempt at a county facility, there was no evidence of recent statements or suicidal activity observed or noted by T.J.J.D. staff. Room checks and video surveillance images do not show anyone else entering or leaving the decedent's room immediately preceding his suicide attempt. Upon discovery, staff immediately attempted life saving measures, and local emergency services were notified. The decedent was successfully resuscitated by EMS personnel on scene before being transported by ambulance to the Brownwood Regional Medical Center. The decedent was later transferred to Cooks Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, TX for additional care. Testing at that facility determined that decedent had suffered severe brain damage caused by hypoxia, and the biological father requested he be transferred into hospice care in Odessa, TX. The court of jurisdiction was notified of the transfer. The decedent passed at this father's residence in Ector County on May 31, 2017. The Ector County Medical Examiner's Office ordered the autopsy which was conducted by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Worth on June 2, 2017. Dr. Peerwani indicated that the preliminary cause of death was suicide, and the manner of death was by strangulation.