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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-60-PF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	2/9/2018 12:46 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bell County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	104 S. Main
Agency City:	Belton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76513		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Captain	Director First Name:	BYRON
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	SHELTON		
Reporter Name:	BYRON SHELTON	Reporter Email:	byron.shelton@bellcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Eli

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gauna

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 2/2/1994 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 24

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/30/2017 7:08 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/4/2018 9:10 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

1. Respiratory Failure (35 days)
2. Asphuxiation (mins.)
3. Hanging by Ligature (mins.)

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

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:	113 West Central Ave	City:	Belton
County:	Bell	Zip:	76513

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

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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

Type of Custody:	Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:	Medical facility

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

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:

22990001 Burglary of Building

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Crime Against Property

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?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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 January 1, 2018, Bell County Jail inmate Eli Gauna, 02/07/1994 of Temple, TX was located on this morning hanging in his jail cell. He was in a cell occupied by other inmates. A short time before this incident he was in the dayroom area with other inmates eating the lunch meal. Inmates in the cell found Gauna hanging and alerted jail staff. The inmates and the jail staff assisted in getting Gauna down and immediately began to give him medical attention through CPR. Local medical authorities were notified and responded. Gauna was transported to Baylor Scott & White hospital in Temple, TX. He was admitted there and remained there until the time of his death on February 4, 2018.