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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-584-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/4/2023 9:52 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Address:	PO BOX 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78773		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Director	Director First Name:	Steven
Director Middle Name:	C		
Director Last Name:	McCraw		
Reporter Name:	Joanne Scarbrough	Reporter Email:	joanne.scarbrough@dps.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Scott

Middle Name: Anson

Last Name: Coe

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/23/1978 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/9/2022 10:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/9/2022 10:20 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot Wound of the Face through the Neck

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?: Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	8169 US 84	City:	Rusk
County:	Cherokee	Zip:	75785

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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: Scene of incident

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:	
Aggravated Kidnapping	
Offense 2:	
Parole Violation	
Offense 3:	
Dangerous Drugs	
Were the Charges::	Filed

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

Type of Offense:	Violent Crime Against Persons

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:	Yes, mark all that apply
Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details:	Displayed firearm without discharge

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

Attempt to Injure Others?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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 April 8, 2022, at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team attempted to execute a search warrant at a trailer where a suspected kidnapped victim was being held. During the encounter, the suspect, Scott Anson Coe, told law enforcement that he had hostages and would kill them if they did not leave the property. He also told them that he had firearms and pipe bombs and repeatedly threatened law enforcement.

At approximately 3:30 a.m. on April 9, 2022, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT Team) of the Texas Department of Public Safety responded to assist. For the next several hours, negotiators continually attempted to get Coe to release the hostages. Those efforts failed, and at approximately 10:20 p.m., the SWAT Team entered the trailer to rescue the hostages. As the officers entered, Coe pointed a weapon at them. In response, a SWAT officer fired at Coe. Coe was later pronounced deceased at the scene.