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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-827-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/11/2024 3:55 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Comal County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	3005 W. San Antonio St.
Agency City:	New Braunfels	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78130		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Mark
Director Middle Name:	W.		
Director Last Name:	Reynolds		
Reporter Name:	Danny Dufur	Reporter Email:	dufurd@co.comal.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Claire

Middle Name: Janice

Last Name: Roth

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/27/1955 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 68

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/12/2024 12:08 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/7/2024 12:34 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of multiple gunshot wounds

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?: 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:	1450 Elm Creek Rd.	City:	NEW BRAUNFELS
County:	Comal	Zip:	78132

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: 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:

TPC 22.02 Aggravated Assault Against a Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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?: No

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Unknown

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?:	No
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 May 12,2024, Deputy H. Dawes and Sgt. J. Davis of the Comal County Sheriff's Office responded to 1450 Elm Creek, New Braunfels, Texas 78132 regarding a suicidal subject with access to a firearm. The mentioned Deputies made contact with a female subject identified as Claire Janice Roth. During this incident Claire apparently went into the residence and back onto the porch holding a handgun. Claire verbally threatened law enforcement and apparently pointed the weapon at or in the direction of both Deputies. Deputy Dawes fired his patrol issued rifle. Claire suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen and left leg. Deputies and EMS personnel provide lifesaving aid/measures. The female was transported to the hospital and remained under the care of the hospital staff until passing away on June 07, 2024, at 12:34 am.