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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 19-620-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 2/4/2020 3:47 PM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Hopkins County  
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 298 Rosemont  
Street

Agency City: Sulphur Springs

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75482

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Lewis

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Tatum

Reporter Name: Corley  
Weatherford

Reporter Email: cweatherford@hopkinscountytexas.org

## Decedent Information

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## Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Jimmy

Middle Name: De

Last Name: Odell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/25/1958

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

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Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/11/2019 12:42 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 6/11/2019 12:45 PM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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

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Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are available

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

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Manner of Death: Could not be determined

## Medical Cause of Death:

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### Medical Cause of Death:

Based on the history and autopsy findings, it is our opinion that Jimmy De Odell, dies as the result of three gunshot wounds of the head and trunk.

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

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Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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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)

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Type of weapon that caused  
death?: Handgun

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

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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?

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Means of Death: Firearm

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 500 Block Smith St

City: Como

County: Hopkins

Zip: 75431

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

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Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

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Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use  
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

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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):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Scene of incident

## General Information

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

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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?

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Offense 1:

Attempted Capital Murder

Offense 2:

Stalking

Offense 3:

Possession Firearm by Felon

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)

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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?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Discharged firearm

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

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Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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

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|----------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | Unknown | Make suicidal statements?:     | Yes     |
| Exhibit any mental health problems?:   | Unknown | Exhibit any medical problems?: | Unknown |

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

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?:     | Yes | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:     | Yes |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s):    | Yes | Gain possession of officer's weapon:      | No  |
| Verbally threaten other(s) including law: | No  | Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: | Yes |
| 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?

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Under Restraint: No

## Summary of Incident

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

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### Summary:

On June, 11, 2019, The Hopkins County Sheriff's Office received information that Jimmy De Odell had made a comment to an individual about killing his ex-wife, Gina Odell. Jimmy was recently released from the Texas Department of Corrections for stalking Gina. Gina had recently filed a report with the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office and another law enforcement agency regarding being stalked by Jimmy. Gina had also obtained an Emergency Protective Order against Jimmy.

The information provided was Jimmy was riding a black motorcycle, wearing a wig and helmet in an attempt to disguise himself. Deputies responded to Gina's place of employment and removed her for safety and established surveillance around her office. Deputies searched the areas where Gina frequents in the course of her employment in an attempt to intercept Jimmy.

A Hopkins County Deputy later located a vehicle matching the description provided and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle evaded the Deputy for a short distance and came to a stop in the 500 block of Smith Street at the intersection of Bethel Road.

Jimmy made several comments to the Deputy to shoot him. While the initial Deputy was providing verbal command, additional Deputies arrived on-scene to assist. Jimmy continued to disregard verbal command as he reached into the saddle bag on the motorcycle. Deputies continued to give verbal commands as Jimmy continued to tell Deputies to shoot him. Jimmy removed a pistol from the saddle bag and aggressively pulled the pistol out of its holster.

A Deputy responding by discharging his duty weapon striking Jimmy causing him to fall off the motorcycle onto the ground. When Jimmy fell to the ground, he continued to possess the pistol as he rolled face down concealing the pistol and his hands under his body. While on the ground, Jimmy placed the gun to his head and fired one shot. After the shot, Jimmy continued to move and disregard verbal commands to show his hands. Jimmy ultimately rolled onto his left side holding the pistol in his left hand and raised the pistol in the direction of a responding law enforcement officer. The same Deputy again discharged his duty weapon striking Jimmy causing the gun to fall to the ground. Deputies were able to see the pistol and Jimmy's hands and advanced toward Jimmy. Deputies moved the pistol from near Jimmy's body and began life saving measures as they contacted Emergency Medical Services. Jimmy ultimately died from his injuries.