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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-382-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	4/18/2019 6:40 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Harris County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Baker Street
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Ed
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Gonzalez		
Reporter Name:	Ronny Taylor	Reporter Email:	ronny.taylor@sheriff.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Tracy

Middle Name:

Last Name: Whited

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/6/1976 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/12/2019 6:35 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/16/2019 10:05 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:

Hanging

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?: 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:	1200 Baker Street	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77002

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:	County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Jail - multiple occupancy cell

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:	1/12/2019 6:35 PM

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?: 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:

Criminal Mischief

Offense 2:

Escape

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 16, 2019, Inmate Tracy Whited, SPN 02980861, died at Ben Taub Hospital located at 1504 Ben Taub Loop, Houston, TX 77030. Inmate Whited was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. M. Davis at 1005 hrs. Inmate Whited, a white female, 42 years of age was in custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office for (1) Escape, and (2) Criminal Mischief with a (1) $2000 and (2) $1000 bonds assigned to Harris County Criminal Court #5.
• Note: On Monday, January 14, 2019 @ app. 2014 hrs. Inmate was granted a PTRB and released from custody.
The following is a synopsis of the death of Inmate :
• On Saturday, January 12, 2019 Inmate Tracy Whited was booked into the Harris County Jail for (1) Escape and (2) Criminal Mischief.
• On Monday, January 14, 2019 @ app. 0725 hrs. Staff performed a visual observation of cellblock 4H1. An inmate advised Inmate Whited was attempting to harm herself.
• On Monday, January 14, 2019 @ app. 0727 hrs. staff attempted to remove a sheet that was fastened around Inmate Whited' s neck and an upper bunk. Staff removed the sheet using a cut down tool and began CPR.
• On Monday, January 14, 2019 @ app. 0736 hrs. Inmate Whited was transported to the Clinic at 1200 Baker St with CPR in progress.
• On Monday, January 14, 2019 @ app. 0744 hrs. Houston Fire Department arrived on scene in the Clinic.
• On Monday, January 14, 2019 @ app. 0751 hrs. Inmate Whited was transported by Houston Fire Department to Ben Taub Hospital.
• On Monday, January 14, 2019 @ app. 2014 hrs. Inmate was granted a PTRB and released from custody.
• On Wednesday, January 16, 2019 (1005 hrs.) – Inmate Whited was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. M. Davis.

Case referred to the Texas Rangers, HCSO Homicide and IAD for review and disposition.