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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-1068-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 6/16/2020 9:18 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Hill County Sheriff's
Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 283

Agency City: Hillsboro

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76645

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Rodney

Director Middle Name: B

Director Last Name: Watson

Reporter Name: Kyle Cox

Reporter Email: kcox@co.hill.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: David

Middle Name: Brian Keith

Last Name: Braddock

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/30/1969

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/13/2019 10:26 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/20/2019 7:58 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

On 09/13/2019, Inmate Braddock used a jail cell telephone and its attached cord and hand set to hang himself by the neck. CPR was immediately administered and he was transported to the hospital, where he remained on life support until 09/20/2019 when he succumb to his injuries.

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: 406 Hall St

City: Hillsboro

County: Hill

Zip: 76645

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 - holding 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: 9/11/2019 5:30 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?: 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:

Stalking with Previous Conviction

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons;
Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Warrant for Stalking under a Protective Order

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?: 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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	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 09/11/2019, Inmate David Braddock was brought into the Hill County Jail with a warrant for Stalking With Previous Conviction. Braddock verbally expressed violence and suicide. Braddock stated that he was going to kill himself before going back to prison. Braddock was placed in a separation cell on suicide watch. Approximately one hour after entering the facility, Braddock attempted to hang himself in his cell with his shirt. Braddock was placed in a restraint chair for his protection. Once Braddock appeared to have calmed down, he was removed from the restraint chair and moved to a Detox cell where his suicide watch continued. On 09/12/2019, Braddock ripped up his suicide smock and attempted to hang himself from the handicap handrail in the Detox cell. Officers were able to take control of Braddock and he was placed in a restraint chair again and moved to Separation Exercise room for video purposes. Braddock was later removed from the restraint chair after calming down. Braddock remained in Separation Exercise for video purposes. After approximately 3 hours, Braddock began banging his head on the window of the cell. Again, Braddock was placed in a restraint chair for his protection. Several hours later, Braddock was removed from the restraint chair. On 09/13/2019 Braddock was moved from the Separation Exercise cell and placed in a Holding cell. Braddock's last face to face contact with a corrections officer was at 10:09 am. At 10:26 am, another corrections officer was completing a watch check and discovered Braddock hanging from the cell telephone using the cord around the front of his neck and hanging the receiver back up on the phone. Braddock was immediately removed from the phone and CPR was started. While waiting on EMS to arrive, an AED was used to assist in the CPR process until EMS arrived. Once EMS arrived, they took over rescue efforts. Braddock was transported to Hill Regional Hospital where he regained a heartbeat and was later transferred to Baylor Scott and White Hillcrest in Waco TX where he remained on life support until he succumbed to his injuries on 09/20/2019.