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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 21-621-CJ | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 4/4/2023 3:30 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Bell County Sheriff's Dept. | Agency Address: | 104 S. Main |
| Agency City: | Belton | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 76513 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Eddy |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Lange | | |
| Reporter Name: | Shane Sowell | Reporter Email: | shane.sowell@bellcounty.texas.gov |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Daneil

Middle Name: Raymond

Last Name: Baker-Stephonson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/30/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/25/2019 3:41 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/11/2021 11:04 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:

In the opinion of Jeffrey J Barnard M.D. Director and Chief Medical Examiner for the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas, Daniel Raymond Baker-Stephenson, died as a result of hanging. The autopsy findings and investigation are consistent with this being self-inflicted and deliberate.

## 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: | No |

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

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| 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)

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| 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?

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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: | Hanging, strangulation |

# Location / Custody Information

### Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 111 W. Central | City: | Belton |
| County: | Bell | Zip: | 76513 |

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

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| Location Category: | Law Enforcement Facility |

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

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| Type of Custody: | County Jail |

### Specific type of custody/facility:

| Specific Type of Custody/Facility: |
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| Jail - single 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):

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| Entry Date Time: | 4/10/2021 6:57 PM |

### Where did the death occur?

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| Death Location: | Medical facility |

## General Information

### 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?

Offense 1:

Agg Sexual Assault Child

Offense 2:

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: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crimes Against Child(ren)

## 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:

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| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | No | Make suicidal statements?: | No |
| 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:

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?: | No | 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: | No | 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On May 5, 2021 at approximately 9:28 pm inmate Daniel Raymond Baker-Stephenson was found by jail staff on normal observation rounds hanging in his cell. He used a bed sheet to tie off on the top cell bar and tied the other end of the bed sheet around his neck. He was cut down by staff and life saving measures were attempted until Emergency Medical Services arrived and took over. He was transported to Scott & White Hospital emergency room by way of EMS. He was placed on life support and family made the decision to take him off of life support on May 11, 2021 at 11:04 PM, time of death.

Case: IFS-21-10087-CC
Findings:

1. Hanging:
a. History the decedent was found hanging in an isolated jail cell.
b. Healing abraded furrow of anterior neck.
c. History the decedent was found hanging from a bedsheet.

2. History the decedent had suicidal ideation.

3. Organ donation prior to autopsy.

Conclusions: It is my opinion that Daneil Raymond Baker-Stephenson, a 28-year-old man, died as a result of hanging. The autopsy findings and investigation are consistent with this being self-inflicted and deliberate.

Manner of death: Suicide

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