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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Childress County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1005 Ave. F N.E
Agency City:	Childress	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79201		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Pigg		
Reporter Name:	Michael Pigg	Reporter Email:	michael.pigg@leo.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: BRYAN

Middle Name: CHAY

Last Name: SUGGS

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/13/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/13/2016 5:51 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/21/2016 11:00 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Asphyxia by hanging.

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?: 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:	1005 AVE F NE	City:	CHILDRESS
County:	Childress	Zip:	79201

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:	12/13/2016 5:51 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Offense 2:

POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Offense 3:

POSSESSION OF A PROHIBITED WEAPON-BRASS KNUCKLES

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

ARRESTED AFTER A TRAFFIC STOP BY THE CHILDRESS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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?:	N/A	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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

1. On 12-21-2016 at approximately 1055 hours I was notified by cell phone to come to the Childress County Sheriffs Office Detention Center because there had been an incident. I arrived at 1101 hours and was told that a Childress County prisoner had hanged himself in his cell.

2. The prisoner, BRIAN CHAY SUGGS, Caucasian male, date of birth 1-13-1971, SSAN ***-**--3663 was in a double bunked cell being housed alone. SUGGS had looped his bed sheet behind a window support bar and then around his neck. He sat on the floor and was asphyxiated by the sheet which cut off his airway.

3. Jailer RONNIE SHOFFNER had made a watch tour at approximately 1030 hours and reported that SUGGS was observed sitting on his bunk when the check was made. At approximately 1050 hours the jailers were notified by a prisoner, GABRIEL SANCHEZ, Hispanic male, date of birth 12-22-1992, SSAN 514-04-7345 that SUGGS was hanging himself. SANCHEZ was not able to get into the cell because the door had been closed and was locked.

4. The prisoners were “racked up” and jail staff was in prisoner SUGGS cell in around one minute. CPR was started, but it was unsuccessful. The Childress EMS arrived and found no signs of life.

5. The Childress County Justice of the Peace, RANDY RISTER and Texas Ranger BO BROWN were notified by me at 1107 hours. They both arrived minutes later; the JP pronounced death and advised the time he was using as time of death is 1100 hours.

6. An autopsy was performed on the deceased at the South Plains Forensic Pathology, P.A. in Lubbock Texas on 12-22-2016. Dr. Thomas R Parsons conducted the autopsy and listed the cause of death as ASPHYXIA BY HANGING.

END OF REPORT SHERIFF MICHAEL "MIKE" PIGG