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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-560-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 10/26/2017 3:05 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Coryell County Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 510 Leon St.

Agency City: Gatesville

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76528

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Scott

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Williams

Reporter Name: Scott Williams

Reporter Email: swilliams@sheriff.co.coryell.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kelli

Middle Name: Leanne

Last Name: Page

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/20/1971

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 46

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/5/2017 12:42 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/8/2017 9:01 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: Homicide (includes
Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Mechanical asphyxia in association with physical restraint

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?: Not applicable

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Mechanical asphyxia in association with physical restraint.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 510 Leon Street

City: Gatesville

County: Coryell

Zip: 76528

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 - 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):

Entry Date Time: 5/5/2017 12:42 AM

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:

HSC 481.112 (d) Manufacture or Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1 four grams or more but less than 200 grams

Offense 2:

HSC 481.112 (d) Manufacture or Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1 one gram or more but less than four grams

Offense 3:

TPC 22.01 (b) 1 Assault On a Public Servant

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:

Contact was made with inmate Page for refusal to follow orders given to her by jail staff.

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

Specify Weapon Used:

Inmate took and possessed metal handcuffs during altercation.

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

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

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured law enforcement personnel

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?: Unknown

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?: 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: 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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 10/07/2017, Page had assaulted a jailer by dousing him with a cleaning solution. The jailer used force to subdue and handcuff her resulting in a black eye when the jailer took her to the ground. Page was transported to the hospital and cleared medically. Page was transported back to the jail and put in segregation cell #4. On 10/08/2017 at approximately 7:30 AM, Page began screaming and banging on her cell with a hairbrush and her hand. Two Coryell Jailers attempted to calm her giving her several orders to stop, but Page refused and continued to strike the door with her hand and brush. Page was ordered to submit to hand restraints so that she could be placed in the restraint chair until she calmed down. This was to be done to prevent injury to her person but Page refused all orders given to her by jail staff. Due to the previous use of force incident they attempted to gain compliance by spraying OC pepper spray through the food slot of the cell door. This was ineffective because Page had moved to the back of the cell and was facing the wall. The jailers then entered the cell and approached. Page still had the hairbrush in her hand. The supervisor on scene ordered Page to comply with the application of hand restraints and page refused again. At this time, the supervisor deployed two more short bursts of OC pepper spray. Page raised the brush and the supervisor took her to the ground. During the struggle, Page gained possession of the jailer's handcuffs and rolled on top of them clinching them underneath her. The jailers attempted to pull her arms out to cuff her. When this failed one of the jailers applied two distraction knee strikes to her right leg and side. The same jailer then struck her in the head with a closed fist. Throughout the struggle the jailer struck Page about the face only after being bitten on the hand. He struck her once or twice after that because she was trying to bite his groin area as he straddled her trying to gain control. The other jailer and video corroborated their statements. The jailers eventually handcuffed Page behind her back. The jailers turned Page onto her left side. At this time, the jailers noticed Page wasn't moving or breathing. The jailers called for EMS and started CPR until being relieved by responding Deputies. EMS responded and continued lifesaving measures to no avail for approximately 30 minutes. EMS personnel were ordered by the doctor to cease life saving efforts. The cell was secured sealed and initialed with crime tape and a Deputy was assigned to guard the scene until the Justice of the Peace could be called and the scene could be investigated and processed. Once the Justice of the Peace pronounced time of death and the scene had been completely processed and photographed, page was sent to Southwestern Institute Of Forensic Sciences At Dallas for an autopsy. Autopsy report revealed cause of death as mechanical asphyxia in association with physical restraint and manner of death as homicide.