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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-1296-C

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Report Date: 1/7/2019 11:35 AM

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bonham Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 301 East 5th St.

Agency City: Bonham

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75418

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Mike

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Bankston

Reporter Name: Wendell
Bockman

Reporter Email: wendell.bockman@bonhampd.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Robin

Middle Name: Rainey

Last Name: Waldrop

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/21/1970

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/19/2018 4:36 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/19/2018 11:19 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:

Collin County M.E. Case No. 2018-04246: 1. Gunshot wound to the head. 2. Toxic concentration of methamphetamine in blood at death. Conclusion: "I am of the opinion that Robin Rainey Waldrop, a 47-year-old male, died as the result of a gunshot wound of the head."

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?: Handgun

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: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1220 S. 5th St.

City: Bonham

County: Fannin

Zip: 75418

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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

Type of Custody: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

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:

Failure to Appear-Poss CS PG1<1G

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed firearm without discharge

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?: 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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	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 Wednesday, 12-19-2018, at approximately 9:17 P.M., the Bonham Police Chief contacted Texas Ranger Brad Oliver and requested a Custodial Death Investigation of Robin Waldrop. Ranger Oliver responded to the scene and initiated the investigation. Ranger Oliver processed the scene, collected evidence and obtained written statements and video footage from body worn and in-car cameras, from multiple law enforcement officers who were at the scene at the time of Waldrop's death.

The following information was gleaned from Ranger Oliver's investigation (Texas Ranger File #2018I-TRB-50032331):

A). At approximately 4:36 P.M., Bonham Police Department (BPD) attempted to arrest Robin Waldrop, a 47 year old white male, on a Grayson County felony arrest warrant, at a residence located at 1220 South 5th Street in Bonham. BPD detectives had identified Waldrop as a suspect in a Disorderly Conduct – Discharge Firearm in a Public Place, which had occurred a few days prior in Bonham. From their investigations, the detectives knew Waldrop was armed with a .357 Magnum handgun.

B). Based on the fact Waldrop was armed with a handgun and his extensive criminal history, BPD, Fannin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) and Texas Highway Patrol troopers (TXDPS) established a perimeter around the residence Waldrop was staying in. A BPD detective utilized a bull-horn to communicate with Waldrop, requesting Waldrop to exit the residence with his hands up.

C). A female who owned the residence was the first person to exit the front door with her hands up and followed the verbal instructions given to her. Waldrop, armed with a handgun in his right hand, walked out the front door but stopped on the front porch, stating he was not coming out, turned around and walked back into the residence.

D). The detective continued to communicate with Waldrop, via the bull-horn; however, Waldrop refused all demands for him to surrender to law enforcement. Waldrop made statements that he was not going back to jail. Negotiations with Waldrop were ongoing until approximately 7:00 P.M., when Special Response Teams

(SRTs) from the Sherman Police Department (SPD) and the Grayson County Sheriff's Office arrived assumed tactical command.

E). At approximately 8:20 P.M., after further negotiations with Waldrop were futile, SPD SRT deployed tear-gas into the residence, which elicited the immediate verbal response of, "Fuck you!" from Waldrop. A single gunshot was then heard from inside the residence. No further communications was established with Waldrop. The SRT eventually made entry into the residence and located Waldrop's deceased body on the couch in the living room.

F). Ranger Oliver documented no law enforcement officers discharged their firearms during this incident with Waldrop.

G). Ranger Oliver documented Waldrop's body position and recovered a .357 Magnum handgun resting on Waldrop's body. An exit wound was observed to the back of Waldrop's head. An inspection of the revolver's cylinder revealed a spent cartridge case under the hammer. Blood spatter evidence on the wall directly behind Waldrop aligned with his body positioning.

H). Texas Ranger Reuben Mankin attended the autopsy of Waldrop at the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office on 12-20-2018. The autopsy revealed Waldrop inserted the barrel of the revolver in his mouth before pulling the trigger. The final autopsy is pending.