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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-30-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/23/2018 10:43 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Pottsboro Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1089
Agency City:	Pottsboro	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75076		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Shone
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Nix		
Reporter Name:	Shone Nix	Reporter Email:	snix@cityofpottsboro.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Timothy

Middle Name: Alan

Last Name: Heller

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/24/1967 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/10/2018 1:25 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/11/2018 7:30 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: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

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: 156 Pat Lane
City: Pottsboro
County: Grayson
Zip: 75076

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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 subsequent to 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: 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:

Vehicular Homicide-Intoxication

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

State Felony Warrant Service

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: Discharged firearm

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):	Unknown	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?:	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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Wednesday, 01-10-2017, at approximately 1:30PM, a Pottsboro Police officer, while assisting the Joint East Texas Fugitive Task Force, initiated a traffic stop on a black Ford pickup, being driven by 50 year old Timothy Heller, white male, on Pat Lane in the Hiland Shores neighborhood off of SH 289 in an unincorporated area of Grayson County. Heller was wanted out of Fayette County, Tennessee for Vehicular Homicide by Intoxication. Authorities in Tennessee had requested assistance from task force members with locating and arresting Heller on the felony arrest warrant. As the Pottsboro officer attempted to make contact with Heller during the traffic stop, Heller produced a handgun and shot himself one time while seated in driver’s seat of the Ford pickup. Officers provided immediate medical attention to Heller until paramedics arrived and transported Heller to a local hospital. Heller was subsequently pronounced dead at the hospital by medical personnel. His body was sent to the Dallas County Medical Examiner’s Office for an autopsy. The final autopsy is pending. Texas Ranger Brad Oliver initiated a Custodial Death Investigation. Ranger Oliver processed the scene of the shooting, collected evidence and interviewed multiple officers who were on scene at the time of the shooting. Ranger Oliver reviewed the in-car video from the Pottsboro PD patrol unit, which clearly identified Heller shooting himself. Ranger Oliver also reviewed digital photographs of Heller taken by law enforcement moments after he shot himself. Said photographs showed a revolver in Heller’s right hand.