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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-441-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/7/2018 3:08 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bandera County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 563
Agency City:	Bandera	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78003		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Daniel
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Butts		
Reporter Name:	Matthew King	Reporter Email:	mking@banderacounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Dennis

Middle Name: Joseph

Last Name: Miller

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/20/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/21/2018 12:31 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/23/2018 11:03 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Self-inflicted intraoral gunshot wound

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:	909 Upper Mason Creek Road	City:	Bandera
County:	Bandera	Zip:	78003

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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

Type of Custody: Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::	Not filed at time of death

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:

Outstanding Criminal Warrants

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?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure 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?:	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):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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 Monday May 21, 2018 Deputy Rollo had been dispatched for a civil standby in the 300 block of Roundup Trail in the Old Loop Subdivision at 10:29 AM.

Upon arrival Deputy observed suspect Dennis Miller at the scene, whom she knew had numerous warrants out for his arrest.

Deputy was talking to the suspect and was ordering him to stop as she approached him from behind while he was walking towards a vehicle.

When the suspect got to the vehicle he reached inside and pulled out a small revolver and pointed it at the deputy.

Deputy was still talking to him and advised him to drop the weapon as she was withdrawing her firearm. The suspect yelled “no” and turned and ran away.

Deputy summoned assistance and a search for the suspect was begun.

At approximately 12:21 PM a citizen reported a suspicious person that matched the suspect's description in the 900 Block of Upper Mason Creek Road.

Deputies responded to the area and located the suspect in a field, he was walking away from them. As the deputies approached they observed he was holding the firearm near his head.

Deputies were telling the suspect to stop and drop the weapon when he put the barrel in his mouth and fired one shot and fell to the ground.

EMS was summoned as well as Airlife, he was transported to San Antonio Military Medical Center diagnosed with an un-survivable brain injury.

Family members opted to remove life support on Tuesday 5-22-2018.

Sergeant Tony Leal with the Texas Rangers responded to the scene to conduct the investigation as a custodial death.

An autopsy was performed at the Bexar County Medical Examiners Office under Case Number 2018-1289. The conclusion of the examination stated "After complete autopsy and review of available investigative information, it is our opinion that Dennis Joseph Miller, a 38 year old male, died as a result of a self-inflicted intraoral gunshot wound."

End of Summary...