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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Address:	PO BOX 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78773		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Director	Director First Name:	Steven
Director Middle Name:	C		
Director Last Name:	McCraw		
Reporter Name:	Joanne Scarbrough	Reporter Email:	joanne.scarbrough@dps.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Suzanne

Middle Name: Nicole

Last Name: Chaney

Suffix: Ms.

Date of Birth: 3/13/1985 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/20/2018 7:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/21/2018 3:50 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:

Contact 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:	17536 Bamwood Drive	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77090

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: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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:

Texas Health and Safety Code Section 481.112(d) Manufacture or Delivery of Substance

Offense 2:

Texas Penal Code Section 46.04 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm Felon

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: 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: 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): No

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:	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 7/20/2018, Texas DPS Bryan Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Special Agents worked with Texas DPS Houston CID methamphetamine Initiative Group Special Agents and Houston Police Department SWAT to execute a search warrant at 17536 Bamwood in Harris County, Texas. The search warrant execution was based on a drug search warrant signed by a Harris County District Judge on 7/19/2018. The search warrant was executed at approximately 7:30 a.m. Upon entry into the residence by SWAT, a person known to be Suzanne Nicole Chaney was in her bedroom and put a pistol to her head. She said that she was going to kill herself. SWAT halted and Ms. Chaney barricaded herself inside her bedroom. Cell phone contact was made with Ms. Chaney by Houston PD hostage negotiators and efforts were made to have her surrender herself without harm. She refused. Negotiations continued for several hours until ultimately Ms. Chaney became more resistant and disconnected phone communications. At approximately 11:00 a.m., SWAT attempted to introduce a gas irritant into the house in an effort to have her evacuate. It was at that time that Ms. Chaney shot herself in the side of the head. She was immediately removed from the residence and life saving measures began. She was taken to the Houston Northwest Medical Center where she eventually died. The Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Division is in charge of the death investigation.