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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16236CJ	Report Date:	5/24/2016 12:00 AM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	52	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Bell County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Number:	TX0140000
Agency Phone:	2549335400	Agency Address:	P. O. Box 749
Agency City:	Belton	Agency County:	Bell
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	76513

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

Eddy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Lange

Reporter Name: Byron Shelton Reporter Email: byron.shelton@co.bell.tx.us

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2405 S. Loop 121

City: Belton

County: Bell

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

Custody Type Facility:

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: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Marcus

Middle Name:

Last Name: Nelson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/31/1970 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 5/23/2016 4:03 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

5/19/2016 5:18 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

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hanging

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?:

Not applicable; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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?:

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:

Hanging, strangulation

General Information

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:

Terroristic Threats

Offense 2:

Unknown military charges

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by NA

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or

Exhibit any mental health

drugs):	No	problems?:	

Exhibit any medical problems?:

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

Threaten the officer(s) involved:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Try to escape/flee from custody:	No	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No

Other Behavior:

Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	0

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 May 24, 2016, in Bell County Loop Jail, located at 2405 South Loop 121, Belton, TX, in Bell County, we had an attempted suicide of an inmate who later passed away at the hospital. On May 24, 2016, I Lt. Jose Navarro, with the Bell County Sheriff's Department, assigned to the Jail Division, was notified at approximately 3:13 pm by Cpl. Lisa Godly, assigned to Courts and Transportation of the situation. Godly advised we had an attempted suicide in progress. Our correction officers were on the scene and CPR was in progress. It was discovered the inmate attempted to hang himself in B-sep-3 at the Bell County Loop Jail. Also, Deputy Donnie Hill was on call for the hospital and would be accopanying the ambulance. Lt. Steve Ramirez and Cpt. Byron Shelton were contacted about the situation. Shelton and Ramirezwere in route to the jail. Ramirez arrived and went down range, while CPR was still in progress and met with Shelton. Medical

staff took over CPR and later continued medical treatment andthe inmate was loaded in an ambulance and transported to Baylor Scott and White Hospital emergency room. We were then notified that inmate Nelson had passed and pronounced dead at approxmiately 4:03pm. The inmates cell (B-sep-3) and area was locked down awaiting the Criminal Investigation Unitfor evidence.