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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 20-441-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/1/2020 1:44 PM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Sherman Police  
Dept.

Agency Address: 317 S. Travis

Agency City: Sherman

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75090

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Zachary

Director Middle Name: A

Director Last Name: Flores

Reporter Name: John Kennemer

Reporter Email: johnk@cityofsherman.com

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Nicole

Middle Name: Marie

Last Name: Bennett

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/4/1977

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 5/4/2020 8:58 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 5/4/2020 9:15 PM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results are  
Evaluation?: available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

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Manner of Death: Accidental

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Results of the toxic effects of a synthetic cannabinoid

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

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Medical Treatment: Unknown

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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Who caused the death?: Not applicable

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of weapon that caused death?: Not Applicable

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

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Means of Death: Unknown

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 1800 West Houston Street

City: Sherman

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

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Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

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Type of Custody: Police Custody  
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

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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):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Dead on arrival at  
medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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Other Agencies Respond?: No

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

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Offense 1:

Emergency Detention Order

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)

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Type of Offense: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: No

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

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Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

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Barricade self or initiate

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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?

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Under Restraint: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

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Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

## Summary of Incident

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

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Summary:

On May 4, 2020, at approximately 2035 hours, Sherman Officer were dispatched to a welfare concern. It was report a white female was pushing a car, which had rolled into the center median and the female was yelling for help. Sherman Officers arrived on scene at 2040 hours.

Sherman Officers determined she was having car trouble. While officers were speaking with the female, they noticed she was having trouble communicating and they suspected she was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. After speaking with the female, officer decided to conduct an Emergency detention and transport her to Wilson N. Jones Hospital for evaluation. the female was placed into handcuffs and placed into the rear seat area of the officer's patrol unit.

When the officer got into the drivers seat he noticed the female was slumped over in the seat. The officer got out and checked on her and found her to be non responsive. The officers called for emergency medical services and began on scene first aid.

Once EMS arrived, they transported Bennett to Wilson N. Jones hospital where the hospital staff determined she was deceased. The Justice of the Peace was called to the hospital and he requested an autopsy to determine cause of death. at the time of this report, the results of the autopsy are still pending.