Incident Report #24013756

BEAUREGARD PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
412 BOLIVAR BISHOP DRIVE
DERIDDER, LA. 70634
PHONE: 337-463-3281

Event Info

Date Reported	Time Reported	Time Dispatched	Time Arrived	Time Completed
09/01/2024	02:06	02:10	02:10	06:41

Addr. of Occ.	State	County	City	Zipcode
412 BOLIVAR BISHOP DR	LA	BEAUREGARD	DERIDDER	70634

Date Occ. Range	Time Occ. Range	District	Zone
09/01/2024 - 09/01/2024	02:06 - 02:06	BEAUREGARD PARISH	LOCAL AREA OF DERIDDER

How Reported	Dispatch Disposition
RADIO	RPT

Disposition Tags
CLEARED, FINAL APPROVED

Dispatch Notes

CALL TYPE: SUICIDE
911 adv Med Express on the line adv that the jail called and adv a female inmate tried to commit suicide. CPR in progress. 9/1/2024 2:09:13 AM
1151 adv enroute 9/1/2024 2:09:25 AM
779,881 1140 IN THE JAIL 9/1/2024 2:12:41 AM
280 ADVISED 9/1/2024 2:13:10 AM
JAIL ADVISED THAT SHE HUNG HERSELF WITH THE KIOSK CORD. 9/1/2024 2:15:06 AM
Admin message sent 9/1/2024 2:17:10 AM
881 adv contact on call detective and put him through to his 10.21 9/1/2024 2:24:20 AM
229 adv put through to 881 via 21 9/1/2024 2:25:20 AM
881 ON CALL NOTIFIED AND ENROUTE 9/1/2024 2:28:50 AM
881 ADVISED THAT MED EXPRESS IS TRANSPORTING TO BMH. 9/1/2024 2:31:36 AM
1151 called and adv that he needed to know what time the person was seen and what time she was found. She was last seen at 122 am and she was found at 202 am. 9/1/2024 2:43:48 AM
per 280 adv to send admin message to just BP1 with the inmate's name. 9/1/2024 2:50:08 AM
280 adv enroute to BMH ER 9/1/2024 2:57:13 AM
617 10.8 9/1/2024 3:01:16 AM
617 10.81 9/1/2024 3:04:59 AM
1149 10.8 en route to hospital 9/1/2024 4:03:28 AM
1149 adv 10-97 BMH ER 9/1/2024 4:14:17 AM
BMH ER CALLED WANTING TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MS FLAHERTY 9/1/2024 5:52:38 AM
TRANSFERRED HER TO ASST WARDEN GASPARD 9/1/2024 5:52:58 AM
1149 ADV THE INMATE IS DECEASED AND SHE IS 10.19 9/1/2024 5:59:19 AM
PER WARDEN DOYLE, WHEN THE FAMILY ARRIVES CALL JAIL AND HAVE THEM BRING HER PROPERTY AND GET THEM TO SIGN. ALSO ADVISED THAT THE HOSPITAL NEEDS THEM TO CALL AND LET THEM K NOW A FUNERAL HOME PREFERENCE 9/1/2024 6:00:38 AM
1149 adv 10-81 9/1/2024 6:02:05 AM
GENE FLAHERTY CALLED TO MAKE SURE THEY COULD COME GET HER DAUGHTER'S PERSONAL ITEMS AND THEY WERE ADV YES THEY CAN 9/1/2024 6:03:17 AM
FAMILY ARRIVED AT BPSO 9/1/2024 6:25:15 AM
BMH CALLED AND REQUESTED FUNERAL HOME, FAMILY ADVISED JOHNSON'S OUT OF MOSS BLUFF 9/1/2024 6:36:42 AM
FAMILY RECEIVED INMATE PROPERTY FROM THE JAIL 9/1/2024 6:39:44 AM
617 10.8 9/1/2024 6:40:52 AM
TERRY TAYLOR CALLED ADVISING SHE SPOKE TO THE HOSPITAL AND GOT EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT, CHARLIE IS GOING TO GO PICK UP THE BODY FOR AUTOPSY AND WILL DO A TOXICOLOGY AS WELL. TERRY ADV TOR 644, ALSO ADV CHARLIE WANTS TO SPEAK WITH 229 9/1/2024 6:50:07 AM
CONTACTED 229 VIA 21 9/1/2024 6:50:32 AM
229 ADV HE JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH HIM. 9/1/2024 6:51:33 AM
MRS. FLAHERTY CAME BACK IN SAYING HER DAUGHTER'S DRIVERS LICENSE WAS NOT IN HER BELONGINGS. THE JAIL ADV THEY DID NOT HAVE IT. SO WE CONTACTED DRPD AND THEY BROUGHT IT TO BPSO TO THE FAMILY. 9/1/2024 6:53:23 AM
Per 165 send call to 229 reports 9/1/2024 7:19:22 AM

Agency 1	Initial Investigator
BEAUREGARD SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	SMITH, DEREK

Classification Completed

Class	Subclass
DEATH	Suicide

Auto Weapon Indicator
No

Deceased

Name Type	Name	Address	City
DECEASED	FLAHERTY, JEAN MARTIN	285 S PRESIDENTIAL CIRCLE	LAKE CHARLES

State	Zip	Sex	Race	EO	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
LA	70611	F	WHITE	NON-HISPANIC	506	160	BRO	BRO

Narrative

Written By	Date Written
SMITH, DEREK	09/03/2024

On Sunday, September 1, 2024, at 0220, Det Derek Smith was contacted by Dy Jose Avilla and advised that there had been an attempted suicide at the BPSO jail. Det Smith was advised that the female had just been arrested and was waiting to be booked when she attempted suicide. He was also advised that EMS was able to get a pulse, and the female had been transferred to Beauregard Hospital in serious condition.

Det Smith arrived and learned that Jayson Creech with DeRidder Police Department had arrested Jean Flaherty for driving while intoxicated and other charges. After being brought to the jail, Flaherty went through intake and was placed into the women's block in the jail facility until she could be processed. After being left in the holding area, which was isolated giving Flaherty sole access, she managed to tie a phone cord around her neck and hang herself by getting low enough to the floor.

Det Smith took photos of the D-block dayroom where the incident occurred. While taking photos, Det Smith noticed drops of blood. Det Smith learned that the supervisor, Caleb Smith, had cut his hand while in the process of trying to get the cord from Flaherty's neck.

After taking photos, Det Smith spoke to Dy Adelene Wilson. Adelene advised Det Smith that when Flaherty was brought into the jail, the intake process was completed but due to someone having been arrested earlier, the booking process was unable to be completed. As a result, Flaherty was dressed in jail clothing and secured in the D-block dayroom alone. Dy Wilson then began to finish booking the inmate that was arrested earlier.

After completing the booking process on the other individual, Dy Wilson looked at the camera view of D-block and noticed that something looked strange in the day room and went to investigate. Upon entering the dayroom, she noticed that Flaherty had hung herself using a phone cord from the jail phone kiosk.

Det Smith then spoke to Deputies Smith and Charles Brister, the other two of three deputies on shift for the night shift. Det Smith advised them to type statements of their knowledge and involvement surrounding Flaherty. (See statements of C Smith, Wilson and Brister for statements.)

At approximately 0330, Det Smith went to the hospital, along with Warden Freddie Doyle. There, Det Smith found that hospital personnel were still working on Flaherty. Det Smith was also advised that the hospital staff had contacted Flaherty's next of kin, per policy, to advise them of Flaherty's condition. They advised Det Smith that her parents had advised them to not resuscitate in the event that she coded. Since there was DNR available, they advised her parents were on the way to the hospital to sign a DNR.

At approximately 0515, Det Smith learned that Martin and Gene Flaherty had arrived and had signed the appropriate paperwork, and that Flaherty was being taken off of life support soon. Det Smith spoke to both Martin and Gene. Det Smith learned from them that Flaherty has a mental health history.

Det Smith learned that Flaherty had been diagnosed with schizophrenia approximately 1 year prior. She also had a history of anxiety and depression. Gene advised Det Smith that she is unsure of the names of medications her daughter was prescribed but stated that she recently discovered that she wasn't taking her meds regularly. She informed Det Smith that her doctor is Dr Van Snyder in Sulphur.

Det Smith asked Gene and Martin if they knew why Flaherty would be in DeRidder since they all lived in the Moss Bluff area. She told Det Smith that she was unsure but said that Flaherty told her that she was going to Pennsylvania. Gene said that they have family there and that she told her daughter that if she really wanted to go there, she would get her a flight ticket.

At approximately 0553, Flaherty passed away after life saving measures had been removed.

On September 3, 2024, Det Smith received a jump drive from Assistant Warden, Luke Gaspard. The drive contained footage of the incident. Det Smith reviewed the footage and observed that Flaherty did in-fact hang herself with the phone cord. There were no other individuals inside the dayroom after Flaherty was left by Dy Wilson, until Dy Wilson returned finding Flaherty in her condition.

Attachments

Attachment Title	Date Entered	Entered By	File Name
Hospital 12.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Hospital 12.JPG
Hospital 13.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Hospital 13.JPG
Hospital.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Hospital.JPG
Hosptial 11.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Hosptial 11.JPG
Jail 1.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Jail 1.JPG
Jail 2.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Jail 2.JPG
Jail 3.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Jail 3.JPG
Jail 4.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Jail 4.JPG
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Jail 15.JPG	10/07/2024	BP229	Jail 15.JPG

Case Management

Initial Investigator	Report Status	Approved By	Date Approved	Solvability
SMITH, DEREK	Approved	MARCH, SHUNTELL	10/28/2024 10:06	0.00%

Investigative History

Investigator	Team Name	Date
SMITH, DEREK	DETECTIVES	09/01/2024 07:19
SMITH, DEREK	DETECTIVES	09/04/2024 09:56

Follow Up

Followup Date	Investigator	Completed Date	Notes
09/11/2024	SMITH, DEREK	10/07/2024	add attachments.