Record of Death

Provided by LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections on 03/29/2022

2021

Offender Name: Billy West

DOC #: 375664

Age / Race: 44 / White

Admit Date: 5/30/2018

Sentence: 4 yrs, 6 months

Admit Date at Last Facility: 10/11/2020

Facility / Housing Unit: Local/ Iberia DC / Single man cell

Date of Death: 7/18/2021

Cause of Death: Asyphxia from hanging

Category of Death: Suicide

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Ordered: Yes

Location: Iberia Hospital

NOTE: IPSO reports only state inmate deaths to DOJ.

March 20, 2020	Russell Lee McCutheon	Natural	W/M DOC inmate died of heart attack at the hospital
July 21, 2020	Raymond Shahid Bonnette	Suicide	25 year old (DOB: 11/13/1994) B/M arrested for FTA for Family non-support and was awaiting parole hearing. He was housed in J62 (COVID) not on suicide watch.
November 24, 2020	Mandi Broussard Caliz	Natural	Elderly W/F inmate was booked on 11/11/2020. She was being treated by CorrectHealth for drug addiction. She was lathargic in the early morning hours of the 24th and was examined by nurses at 6:30 a.m. About 2:45 p.m. she was found deceased in her bunk. LSP investigated. Autopsy revealed she died of heart attack.
July 15, 2021	Billy West	Suicide	W/M DOC inmate was in and out of suicide watch. Originally booked in July, 2017, serving 4-1/2 years for domestic battery. Was in J-Pod for punishment and hung himself with his jumpsuit.

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Death in Custody Reporting Act - Entry #750

Agency Name

Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office

Contact Name

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Reporting Year

2021

Select the Reporting Period

3rd Quarter: July 1 - September 30

First Name

Billy

Last Name

West

Gender

1. Male

Race (Select all that apply)

5. White

Ethnicity

2. Not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin

Birth Year (YYYY)

1977

Date of Death

07/18/2021

Time of Death

12:15

Location of Death - Location Name (if not applicable, enter N/A)

Iberia Medical Center

Location of Death - Street Address

2315 East Main Street

Location of Death - City

New Iberia

Location of Death - State

LA

Zip Code

70560

If the event causing the death occurred in any of the following facilities, please indicate the appropriate facility below. If the event causing the death did not occur in one of the facilities listed below, please use the "None of the above" answer choice.

1. Municipal or county jail

Please list the name of the department or agency that detained, arrested, or was in the process of arresting the deceased.

Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office Louisiana Department of Corrections)

Please indicate the manner of death (Mark only one).

F. Suicide

Please provide a brief description of the circumstances leading to the death (e.g., details surrounding an event that may have led to the death, the number and affiliation of any parties involved in an incident, the location and characteristics of an incident, other context related to the death, etc.).

Billy West was a Louisiana Department of Corrections inmate being held at the Iberia Parish. On July 15, 2021, at approximately 11:50 the inmate was discovered in his cell hanging from the metal grating on his door by his clothing. The inmate was immediately taken down and life saving measures were commenced by jail staff. Acadian Ambulance Service personnel arrived at approximately 12:16. Acadian Ambulance Service personnel assumed the care of Mr. West at that time and later transferred him to Iberia Medical Center. He was pronounced dead at the Hospital at approximately12:15 on July 18, 2021. No autopsy was performed as family donated inmate's organs. The manner of death was ruled "Suicide" by the attending physician. The inmate's death was reported to Department of Corrections (Hunt Correctional Center) on July 19, 2021.