



# ELLIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

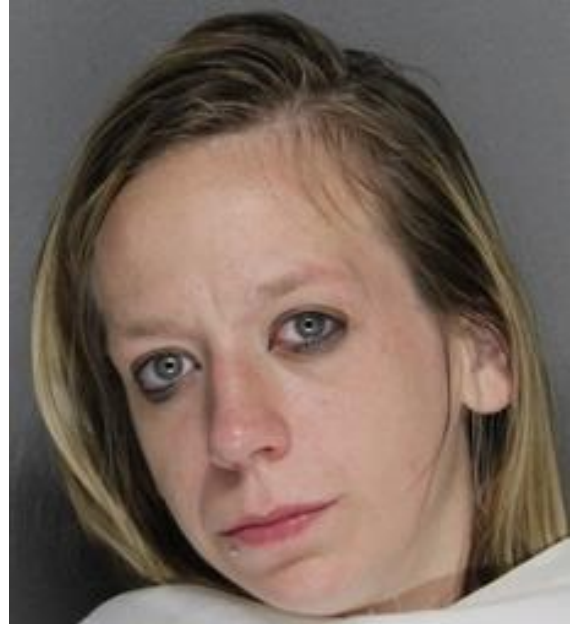
BRAD NORMAN, SHERIFF

**For Immediate Release: Case# 22-11241 - Murder:**

On Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at approximately 1541 hours (3:41pm), Ellis County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a shooting in the 300 Block of Josey Lane, Red Oak, Texas/Ellis County. The 911 caller identified an adult female, Holly Brooke Daugherty, as the shooter who left the location in a red sedan traveling towards South Lowrance.

At approximately 1548 hours (3:48pm), the Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol located the red sedan at the intersection of West Red Oak Road and North Main Street in Red Oak, Texas. DPS initiated a traffic stop and identified the female driver as Holly Brooke Daugherty. In the front passenger seat DPS located a handgun. Daugherty was detained, awaiting Sheriff's Deputies arrival.

At approximately 1550 hours (3:50pm), Sheriff's Deputies arrived at the incident location and located one (1) adult male decedent with a gun-shot-wound to the chest. The decedent was identified as Mr. Barry Blake Morgan of Red Oak, Texas. Mr. Morgan was thirty-three (33) years of age. Ellis County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and the Crime Scene Investigator responded to the location. Ellis County Justice of the Peace pronounced Mr. Morgan deceased; an autopsy was ordered. The body was transported to the Dallas Medical Examiner's Office, Dallas, Texas.



Multiple witnesses were interviewed regarding the circumstances surrounding Mr. Morgan's death. Based on these statements, evidence recovered at the scene, and evidence recovered from the traffic stop initiated by DPS, **Holly Brooke Daugherty**, was charged with **Murder** and booked into the Wayne McCollum Detention Center, Waxahachie, Texas. Daugherty was arraigned and a bond was set at one **(1) Million dollars**.

Sheriff Brad Norman would like to thank the Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Division, American Medical Response Medics, Red Oak Police Department, the Ellis County Sheriff's Office Civil Division, the Ellis County Sheriff's Office Dispatchers, the Ellis County & District Attorney's Office, and both the Ellis County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division. This collaborative team effort led to the apprehension and arrest of the shooter within hours of the 911 call.

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