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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-100-MJ

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Report Date: 3/8/2017 10:28 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th
Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Art

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Acevedo

Reporter Name: Beryl Jones

Reporter Email: beryl.jones@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jered

Middle Name: Michael

Last Name: Russell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/28/1983

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 2/11/2017 5:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/24/2017 11:00
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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of acute toxicity due to cocaine, opiates, and ethanol.

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

Medical Treatment: No

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

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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

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?

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 61 Riesner

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77002

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

Location Category: Law Enforcement
Facility

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

Type of Custody: Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - multiple occupancy cell

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: Medical facility

General Information

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

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?

Offense 1:

Class C/Traffic Violation

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Traffic Violation

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

Decedent display/use of
weapons: No

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or
drugs): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health
problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or 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?

Under Restraint: No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Saturday, February 11, 2017, at approximately 5:23 p.m., the listed complainant, Jered M. Russell, was stopped on a traffic violation and subsequently arrested on new traffic charges. Jered Russell was arrested by Officer J. P. Hunt and Officer E. A. Schrock. They were riding Unit 13D27E. They transported him to Central Jail and got back in service. They activated their body cameras throughout the incident, including transportation.

At approximately 11:20 p.m., on the same date, the prisoner was in a cell (A12), by himself, when Jailer Latecia Mosley observed him having a seizure. She called over the radio for a supervisor, jail medical staff (JMS), and an ambulance. Sgt. D. J. Small responded with JMS personnel Maria Alvarado-Villalobos and Frank Nnamong. They lowered him from the top bunk to the floor and attended to him.

They had to take him out of the cell and down the corridor to where they could place him on a gurney, since the gurney would not fit with a person on it through the corridor. Jailer D. L. Scott was working the elevator and assisted in this process. They took him down to the first floor where HFD paramedics took him to Ben Taub Hospital. Given the fact that he was a Class C prisoner, no one went with Jered Russell to the hospital.

Once the ambulance left, Jailer Scott stated that an unknown prisoner said Jered Russell had ingested some cocaine. Jailer Mosley stated that she saw Jered Russell with blood and foam on the side of his mouth. Sergeant Small said that he saw blood coming from Jared Russell's mouth, and noticed that he stopped breathing but was then stabilized by the paramedics in the ambulance, before they left for the hospital.

Jered Russell was taken to Ben Taub Hospital on the same night he was arrested, February 11, 2017. On February 24, 2017, at approximately 11:13 p.m., he was pronounced dead and an autopsy was scheduled for the following day. The Homicide Division was informed by the office of the Medical Examiner on February 25, 2017, and investigators were assigned.

Given the time that had elapsed between his admittance to the hospital and the death of Mr. Russell, the medical records have been requested in order to determine if there were any controlled substances in his body.