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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-342-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 6/28/2017 3:22 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Harris County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ed

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gonzalez

Reporter Name: Ronny Taylor

Reporter Email: ronny.taylor@sheriff.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Freddie

Middle Name: James

Last Name: Gayden

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/8/1944

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 73

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/12/2017 2:38 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/28/2017 3:00 AM

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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive cardiovascular disease with acute renal failure

Contributory Condition: Acute bronchopneumonia

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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

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)

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?: Deceased developed condition after admission

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

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1200 Baker Street

City: Houston, Texas
77002

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: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 6/12/2017 2:38 PM

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:

Evading Arrest / Detention

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:

Evading Arrest / Detention

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 June 28, 2017, Inmate Freddie Gayden (SPN 000410930) died in custody at St. Joseph Hospital located at 1401 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, Texas 77002. Inmate Gayden was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. Cui at 0300 hours. Inmate Gayden, a Black male, 72 years of age had been in the custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office since his arrest for Evading Arrest / Detention by HPD case # 1554962, with a \$10,000 bond; assigned to the 208th District Court.

The following is a synopsis of the death of Inmate Gayden:

On Monday, June 12, 2017, @ 1438 hours, Inmate Freddie Gayden (000410930) was processed into the Harris County Jail for Evading Arrest / Detention with a \$10,000 bond.

On June 27, 2017, @ approximately 1809 hours, Inmate Gayden was taken to the clinic for lightheadedness and his legs falling asleep. Inmate Gayden was diagnosed with pneumonia, treated by Medical staff and returned to 5F2 @ approximately 2036 hours.

On June 27, 2017, @ approximately 2235 hours, staff was notified Inmate Gayden was unable to move. Inmate Gayden stated his leg hurt and that he was unable to move. Medical staff was notified.

On June 27, 2017, @ approximately 2243 hours, Medical staff arrived and transported Inmate Gayden to clinic.

On June 27, 2017, @ approximately 2308 hours, Inmate Gayden was re-assessed by Medical staff and the diagnosis of pneumonia was reconfirmed.

On June 28, 2017, @ approximately 0144 hours, Inmate Gayden was found unresponsive by Medical staff. At 0146 CPR was initiated by Medical staff. At approximately 0155 Inmate Gayden was determined unresponsive by Dr. Huang and the decision was made to transport Inmate Gayden to the hospital.

On June 28, 2017, @ approximately 0225 hours, Inmate Gayden was transported to St. Joseph Hospital by HFD – Unit #17.

On June 28, 2017, at 0300 hours, Inmate Gayden was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. Cui. Autopsy pending.

