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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-361-C

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Report Date: 7/11/2017 10:17
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: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gwinn

Middle Name:

Last Name: Naderhoff

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/23/1951

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/18/2017 9:47 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/19/2017 9:25 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:

Acute Methamphetamine toxicity

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

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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?: Could not be determined

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

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Acute
Methamphetamine
Toxicity

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1635 N. Loop Frwy

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77008

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: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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:

Alcohol/Drug offense

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: N/A

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

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:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
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 18th, 2017 at 2057 hours, Officers Dodson and Reyes were dispatched to a minor accident located at 6015 Centralcrest St. They arrived at 2103 hours and noted there was a vehicle in the ditch and partially blocking the street that had made contact with a fire hydrant. The driver was still in the vehicle and appeared to be asleep and had the seatbelt around him.

Officers made contact with the driver and he responded, and provide his information. He was identified as Gwinn Naderhoff III, date of birth 09/23/1951. The officers started to assist him in exiting the vehicle but he was able to get himself out of the vehicle. Upon viewing Mr. Naderhoff exit the vehicle, the observed he has great difficulty in standing unassisted. He leaned on his vehicle for support and to keep standing. Whenever he wasn't allowed to lean on an object he had to be helped to avoid falling down. His eyes were bloodshot and dilated. He was sweating profusely and had difficulty speaking in a coherent manner.

While the officers were speaking with him at the vehicle, and the door closed and he attempted to move out of the way but his hand was caught and closed on his right middle finger, the officers opened the door and contacted HFD to treat his injuries.

Officers attempted to conduct a standard field sobriety test (SFST) for the HGN but Mr. Naderhoff was unable to follow the directions provided. He couldn't track smoothly and his pupil were dilated; he had bloodshot eyes and would squint his eyes, move his head, and close his eyes while attempting the HGN test. Mr. Naderhoff balance was compromised to the point that continuing the SFST could lead to possible injury and officers terminated additional test. Mr. Naderhoff exhibited swaying and stumbled on multiple occasions throughout the time on scene.

HFD Engine 50 and Ambulance 38 arrived, the determined that Mr. Naderhoff would need stiches for his finger and he would be transported to Greater Heights Memorial at 610/Ella. Officers followed the ambulance to hospital, while Officer Dodson and Reyes went to the District Attorney office to file charges of DWI.

Mr. Naderhoff went into cardiac arrest while at hospital and was placed on life support. On June 19, 2017, Mr. Naderhoff died while at Greater Heights Memorial Hospital.