



KEN PAXTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-514-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 9/29/2017 1:05 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: Kenneth

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Richards

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/5/1967

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/28/2017 4:43 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/27/2017 6:25 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Arrhythmia associated with dilated cardiomyopathy and chronic atrial fibrillation

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?: 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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Pending Autopsy Report

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1200 Baker Street

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: 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:

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:

Motion to Revoke Parole

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense; Crime Against Property

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?: Yes

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 September 27, 2017, Inmate Kenneth Richards (001036432) died in custody at Ben Taub Hospital located at 1504 Ben Taub Loop, Houston, Texas 77030. Inmate Richards was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. H. Loan Nguyen at 1825 hours. Inmate Richards, a White male 49 years of age had been in the custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office since his arrest by Humble PD for POSS CS PG 1 4G – 200G, case # 1560083, with a NO bond, assigned to the 232nd District Court.

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

On July 28, 2017, @ 1643 hours, Inmate Richards was processed into the Harris County Jail for POSS CS PG 1 4G – 200G, case # 1560083.

On September 22, 2017, information contained in Inmate Offense Report # 2017-38135-1200 states that Inmate Richards claimed he was very light-headed and subsequently fell striking his head on a food cart and wall. With the assistance of another inmate, Inmate Richards attempts to regain his footing and fell again striking his head on the floor.

Medical staff arrived and during transport to the 1200 clinic, Inmate Richards lost consciousness, at which time CPR was initiated. Inmate Richards was transported to Ben Taub Hospital by HFD ambulance, with CPR in progress.

Autopsy pending.