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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-520-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 10/4/2017 5:04 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Denton County
Sheriff's Office.

Agency Address: 127 N. Woodrow
Ln. Suite 300

Agency City: Denton

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76205

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Tracy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Murphree

Reporter Name: Michael Tutt

Reporter Email: michael.tutt@dentoncounty.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Stephen

Middle Name: Ryan

Last Name: McCormack

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/16/1982

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/30/2017 11:33 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/5/2017 6:47 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:

Methamphetamine Intoxication

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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?: Could not be determined

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

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 127 N. Woodrow Lane

City: Denton

County: Denton

Zip: 76205

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:

Jail - holding 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: 8/30/2017 11:33
AM

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:

Parole Violation

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Parole 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): Yes

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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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 August 30, 2017, at approximately 9:53AM, Stephen Ryan McCormack, 02/16/1982, was transported from the Lewisville City Jail to the Denton County Jail by Lewisville Police Department. Upon arrival, health intake assessments were conducted and Mr. McCormack denied any current or past medical issues and did not require medical attention at intake. Mr. McCormack denied being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

At approximately 11:45AM, Mr. McCormack became ill and admitted to ingesting two "caps" of GHB. Mr. McCormack was evaluated by Jail Medical Staff and placed on Heightened Awareness Time Checks for chemical/substance abuse withdrawals. Mr. McCormack was moved from Holding to Safety Cell B for observation.

At approximately 2:43PM, Denton County Jail Detention Staff found Mr. McCormack unresponsive. Jail Medical Staff conducted resuscitation efforts. Denton Fire and EMS personnel arrived and continued resuscitation efforts. Denton Fire and EMS personnel transported Mr. McCormack to Medical City of Denton.

According to hospital staff, Mr. McCormack was on a ventilator and was in grave condition. Mr. McCormack's family was notified of his condition.

On September 1, 2017, Mr. McCormack was released from the custody of the Denton County Jail.

On September 8, 2017, the Denton County Sheriff's Office learned of Mr. McCormack's passing on September 5, 2017.