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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date: 10/9/2017 11:08
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bonham Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 301 East 5th St.

Agency City: Bonham

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75418

Director Information

Director Salutation: Captain

Director First Name: Wendell

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Bockman

Reporter Name: Wendell
Bockman

Reporter Email: wendell.bockman@bonhampd.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jamey

Middle Name: Dale

Last Name: Sisk

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/1/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 9/14/2017 7:41 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/14/2017 8:42 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:

Hypertensive Heart Disease

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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: 1021 W. Russell Ave.

City: Bonham

County: Fannin

Zip: 75418

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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: Scene of incident

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:

Assault Family Violence

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons

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?: Yes

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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Thursday, 09-14-2017, at approximately 7:39 PM, the Bonham Police Department (BPD) responded to a 911 call at 1101 W. Russell Avenue regarding a family violence call in progress where Jamey Sisk, a 37 year old white male, had physically assaulted his 67 year old parents. Upon arrival, two uniformed BPD officers found Sisk in the neighbor's front yard, rolling around in the grass. Both Officers were wearing body cameras and were recording the entire time with their interaction with Sisk. A third BPD officer, who was a plain clothes detective, arrived on scene and requested Sisk be handcuffed since he had assaulted his parents. Sisk was handcuffed behind his back and remained face down on the ground while the uniformed officers checked on the welfare of Sisk's mother. The detective remained with Sisk. An ambulance was called to the scene after officers determined the mother's injuries required medical attention. After a few minutes had elapsed, Sisk was found to be unresponsive and was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Texas Ranger Brad Oliver was called by the BPD Chief of Police to conduct a custodial death investigation. Upon arrival at the hospital in Bonham, Ranger Oliver examined Sisk's body, noting both of Sisk's knees had the skin freshly removed and dirt, grass and debris were observed in the open wounds. Ranger Oliver noted there was no bruising or marks left by handcuffs on Sisk's wrist. There was no bruising or marks of any kind to Sisk's body suggesting Sisk had been physically assaulted by officers. Ranger Oliver interviewed Sisk's 67 year old father at the hospital who indicated Sisk had been suffering from mental illness since age of 17. The father indicated Sisk takes 23 medications daily to combat the mental illness; however, Sisk's behavior had become more violent in the past few weeks. When asked, the father stated BPD did not abuse or mistreat his son in any way. Ranger Oliver subsequently departed from the hospital and went to 1101 W. Russell Avenue and photographed the scene. Ranger Oliver documented the inside of the residence where Sisk assaulted his mother in the laundry room. Ranger Oliver departed from the scene and went to BPD where he obtained and

reviewed the body camera footage of the two uniformed officers as well as video from the in-car video from the marked patrol units. The videos showed Sisk rolling around in the grass as the first officers arrived. It appeared Sisk was in the middle of a mental/medical episode. All officers were empathetic to Sisk and repeatedly told him they were there to help him (BPD had been called to this address before due to Sisk's mental health issues). When Sisk overheard the officers talking about placing handcuffs on him, he stopped crawling around on the ground, voluntarily placed his hands behind his back and allowed officers to handcuff him with no resistance. Sisk remained face down on the ground while the uniformed officers left to check on Sisk's mother. The detective (who was not wearing a body camera) remained with Sisk. A few minutes passed before one of the uniformed officers returned to Sisk's location and the detective could be seen searching for a handcuff key and making the statement that he believed Sisk was not breathing. Officers could be seen rolling Sisk on to his side and the handcuffs removed. One officer indicated Sisk had a faint pulse. At about this same time, the ambulance arrived (which was first called for the mother) and a paramedic immediately began CPR on Sisk. Sisk was quickly placed into the ambulance where life saving measures continued. Sisk was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced dead. All three BPD officers were interviewed and provided statements to the facts at the scene. Ranger Oliver attended the autopsy of Sisk at the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office. No evidence of physical trauma was noted during the autopsy, which is pending toxicology results.