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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-437-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 1/11/2019 5:03 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bandera County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 563

Agency City: Bandera

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78003

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Daniel

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Butts

Reporter Name: Matthew King

Reporter Email: mking@banderacounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ronald

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Masters

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/9/1962

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/8/2018 6:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/9/2018 4:05 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:

Dilated cardiomyopathy complicated by methamphetamine use.

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?: 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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3360 State Highway
173 North

City: Bandera

County: Bandera

Zip: 78003

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 - single 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: 5/8/2018 9:26 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Law enforcement
facility/booking
center

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

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:

Possession of Controlled Substance - Penalty Group 1

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: 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?: 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?: 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 May 8, 2018 at 9:26 AM Ronald Lee Masters (dob: 11/9/1962) was booked into the Bandera County Jail for the offense of Possession of Controlled Substance PG1<4g>200g. At the time of his booking Masters was under the influence of heroin and methamphetamines.

Masters was started on a special observation watch due to the results of the suicide screening form. Masters was evaluated by Nurse Sanders and screened through our telepsych doctor.

On May 9, 2018 at approximately 11:00 AM Masters was seen by the magistrate and his bond was set at \$20,000.00. At that time he was showing the hand tremors that are common with alcohol and drug withdrawal.

Nurse Carol Sanders spoke with him again and started Masters on a drug withdrawal protocol. Masters received his first dose of Librium at noon.

At approximately 2:00 PM Masters requested toilet paper. Jailer Jay Little took him a roll and documented a check at 1405. At that time Masters was alert and using the restroom. At 2:20 PM and 2:35 PM Jailer Dwayne Samora conducted cell checks.

At that time Masters was lying on his back on his mat covered with a blanket. At 2:47 PM Jailer Samora observed Masters face down on top of his blanket on the floor next to his mat. Jailer Samora completed his check and returned to check on Masters. When Masters did not respond, Jailer Samora called for Nurse Sanders.

Nurse Sanders and other Jailers responded to the cell and immediately began CPR. An AED and CPR face barrier were utilized. EMS was called and CPR was continued by jail staff until EMS arrived. Airline was dispatched to the jail.

The EMS director ultimately called his medical director and discontinued CPR. Justice of the Peace Mike Towers was called and pronounced Master's death at 4:05 PM. Sergeant Joel Kite of the Texas Rangers responded to begin an investigation.

Autopsy results revealed that the decedent died as a result of dilated cardiomyopathy complicated by methamphetamine use. The decedent's heart was enlarged and both pumping chambers were markedly

dilated. Postmortem toxicology revealed methamphetamine intoxication. The autopsy also revealed evidence of advanced liver cirrhosis. Since drug use contributes to the death the manner of death is usually considered accidental.

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