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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Plano Police Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 860358

Agency City: Plano

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75086

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Gregory

Director Middle Name: W

Director Last Name: Rushin

Reporter Name: Gregory Rushin

Reporter Email: gregr@plano.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Noel

Middle Name: Issac

Last Name: Crabtree

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/19/1976

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/3/2018 6:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/3/2018 7:43 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:

Noel Isaac Crabtree, a 41 year old male, died as a result of an enlarged heart due to hypertension and coronary artery disease due to atherosclerosis. This heart condition could have caused sudden death at any moment. His activity after arrest and during confinement, and the toxicology of blood draws after law enforcement arrest and after unresponsiveness indicate a high degree of tolerance to several central nervous system depressants. A contribution to death by these drugs cannot be ruled out, either by overdose or drug withdrawal.

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: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 900 E. 15th Street

City: Plano

County: Collin

Zip: 75074

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: Municipal 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: 8/3/2018 12:21 PM

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:

Driving While Intoxicated

Offense 2:

Possession of a Dangerous Drug

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?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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: No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Friday, August 03, 2018 at approximately 11:13 a.m., Plano PD Dispatch Communications announced a Speeding/Reckless Driving Broadcast on a black Honda Accord traveling east on West Spring Creek from Preston Meadow. The responding officer observed a black Honda Accord in the center lane swerve to the left lane as it began going through the intersection. The vehicle continuously swerved back and forth from the center lane into the left lane preventing traffic from passing. The officer initiated a traffic stop and as the vehicle began pulling over, it rolled upon the right curb with both passenger side tires.

As the vehicle came to a stop, the driver put both hands out the window. The officer approached and asked the driver to step out of the vehicle. The driver stated he was reading a map trying to locate his doctor's office to get ready for his back surgery. The driver appear to stumble as he was walking to the rear of the vehicle. While standing there, the driver would sway back and forth attempting to balance himself on his heels and then his toes. The officer did not detect any odor of an alcoholic beverage but could tell the driver was impaired. The driver was identified by his Arkansas driver's license as Noel Crabtree and the officer asked Crabtree if he was taking any medications. Crabtree advised he was taking Lyrica. He also stated he had a bad back and was looking for his doctor's office because he was preparing for his back surgery. He repeatedly showed the officer his lower back where he had previously had back surgery.

The officer gave Crabtree a field sobriety test and was able to detect Lack of Smooth Pursuit and HGN at Maximum Deviation. Crabtree was unable to perform the Walk and Turn test because he could not stand in the starting position and began complaining about his back. Also, Crabtree was unable to stand on one leg for more than one second. He repeatedly swayed and hopped. The officer arrested Crabtree for DWI and he agreed to submit to a blood sample.

The officer located several prescription pill bottles in the armrest of the vehicle while conducting an inventory search. Crabtree was also charged with Possession of a Dangerous Drug since he did not have a prescription for all of the medications found in the vehicle.

Crabtree was taken to the Plano Municipal Jail at approximately 12:21 p.m. where the detention staff completed the intake process. Detention staff accommodated Crabtree's request for protective custody due to his law enforcement background. Crabtree was in and out of his cell over the next few hours talking with

detention staff and attempting to contact family by phone. At approximately 5:30 p.m., detention staff determined that Crabtree was asleep. During the subsequent checks on Crabtree, detention staff noted that he was breathing heavily and snoring. At approximately 6:50 p.m., detention staff attempted to wake Crabtree and was unsuccessful. CPR was initiated and an AED was employed. Plano emergency personnel arrived and Crabtree was transported to the hospital where he was eventually pronounced dead. The Collin County Medical Examiner's report is available.