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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-1082-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/11/2020 4:15 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bell County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	104 S. Main
Agency City:	Belton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76513		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Eddy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Lange		
Reporter Name:	Steve Ramirez	Reporter Email:	steve.ramirez@bellcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Richard

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Butler

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/3/1958 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/16/2019 9:23 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/18/2019 12:21 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:

unknown at this time
3-11-20 - Update:
The Certificate of Death provided to me by the investigating Texas Ranger Adam Russell, the diseased, Richard Allan Butler w/m dob 10-3-58, indicates the manner of death as an Accident. Immediate cause of death is listed as blunt force head injuries. The injury is listed to have occurred as a result of an altercation with son where decedent initiated physical contact causing injury.

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?:	Unknown person(s) caused the injury

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?:	Unknown

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:	Per the The Certificate of Death, Immediate cause of death is listed as blunt force head injuries. The injury is listed to have

occurred as a result of an altercation with son where decedent initiated physical contact causing injury.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	2401 S. 31st Street	City:	Temple
County:	Bell	Zip:	76508

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Baylor Scott and White Hospital Temple, Tx

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Private Facility

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: 10/16/2019 9:23 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?: 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:

Assault Bodily Injury - Family Member

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Crime Against Person (Family Member)

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?:	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 10-16-19 Temple Police Department Officer(s) arrested Mr. Richard Allen Butler w/m dob 10/3/58 (61 years old) for Assault w/ Bodily Injury to Family Member. Richard Butler was brought to the Bell County Jail, he was on Oxygen, (carried in a harness), and had a walking cane. Bell County contracts with Wellpath (a private medical provider) to provide medical services to Bell County Jail Inmates. Inmate Butler was screened

by a Nurse before being accepted into the Bell County Jail. Inmate Butler reported to the Nurse he suffered multiple illnesses but denied suffering any pain or discomfort at the time of his assessment. Inmate Butler was booked into the Bell County Jail at 9:23pm. Due to numerous medical issues Inmate Butler listed on his Intake Screening Form, he was never placed in a holding cell. Instead, he was place an open area in the Intake area next to video visitation monitors. He was located in directly in front of the Booking Desk and Nurses Station where he could be observed by Jail and Nursing Staff. Inmate Butler remained at this general location for his stay at the Jail. Inmate Butler was attended to by the Nurse during the night for nausea, spitting up and headache. Inmate Butler's blood sugar was checked in the early morning hours and he was given treatment by the Nurse. Inmate Butler was assisted by jail staff in and out of his chair to change his uniform. On the Morning of 10/17/19, Inmate Butler, who was sleeping at the time, blood sugar was checked again by the Nurse on duty. Inmate Butler was given another treatment by that Nurse. Approximately one hour later, a Jail Corporal requested the Nurse to assist Inmate Butler, who's eyes were open but he was unresponsive. The Nurse called for the Wellpath Doctor that was on duty to assist her. The Wellpath Doctor arrived and after assessing Richard Butler, she called for Inmate Butler to be transported to Baylor Scott and White Hospital Emergency room via EMS. Inmate Butler was later admitted to Baylor Scott and White Hospital.

On 10/18/19 at 12:30pm the Bell County Jail was notified Richard Butlers' life support was turned off at the request of his family. Richard Butler was pronounced dead at Baylor Scott and White Hospital at 12:21pm by Justice of the Peace Cliff Coleman. This incident is being investigated by DPS Texas Ranger Adam Russell.