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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-280-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 9/16/2019 2:30 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bowie County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 100 North State
Line, BOX 18

Agency City: Texarkana

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75501

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: JAMES

Director Middle Name: W

Director Last Name: PRINCE

Reporter Name: Robby McCarver

Reporter Email: robby.mccarver@bowiecounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Franklin

Middle Name: Brooks

Last Name: Greathouse

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/4/1959

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 59

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/10/2019 10:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/11/2019 7:57 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: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Per Medical Examiner Emily Ogden MD-"Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Franklin Brooks Greathouse, a 59 year old white male, died as a result of a seizure disorder of unknown etiology. Hypertensive cardiovascular disease and hepatic cirrhosis due to hepatitis C viral infection and chronic ethanolism contributed to his death."

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

Medical Treatment: No

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: 100 N. State Line
Avenue

City: Texarkana

County: Bowie

Zip: 75501

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 - multiple occupancy 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: 3/10/2019 10:00
PM

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:

Fail to Appear-Forgery warrant out of Miller County AR

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: Crime Against
Property

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 3-11-2019, the Bowie County Sheriff's Office was notified of an in-custody death that occurred in the jail. Inmate Franklin Brooks Greathouse w/m 4-4-1959 was found unresponsive in his cell. Greathouse had been arrested and booked into the jail by the Texarkana TX Police Department for a warrant out of Miller County, AR. He was booked into the jail on 3-10-2019 @ 9:45pm. Greathouse was a repeat inmate that was known to jail staff as a chronic drinker with numerous alcohol related arrests. Greathouse is homeless and listed a friend as an emergency contact for jail documents. LaSalle Corrections Officers (LaSalle Corrections is a private contractor tasked with the operation of the Bowie County Jail) observed that Greathouse smelled of alcohol during his time within the facility. Greathouse complained of a seizure on 3-11-2019 and was seen by LaSalle Corrections Medical. Greathouse was responsive and able to walk to his own cell within F-Pod; dispelling his claim of seizure. Greathouse remained in his cell throughout the day and was observed by his cell-mate Albert Partain. At approximately 7pm, near shift change, Inmate Albert Partain found Greathouse lying on the cell floor unresponsive. LaSalle Corrections LPN Brittany Cooksey responded along with several Correctional Officers. Life Net Ambulance Service also responded. CPR was performed from time of discovery until 7:57pm when EKG showed no signs of life. The cell/pod was emptied of other inmates and the scene was secured. Bowie County Sheriff's Office Captain Robby McCarver responded along with Bowie County Investigator Chad Ford and DPS Texas Ranger Joshua Mason. Greathouse showed no signs of obvious trauma and the scene within the jail revealed no evidence of foul play. Justice of the Peace Todd Fore ordered an autopsy and the decedent was transported to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas. LaSalle Corrections employees were interviewed along with the inmates occupying F-Pod. Video of the pod has been obtained from the time that Greathouse entered the facility until he was found unresponsive, including life-saving efforts. There were no indications of foul play. Medical records for Greathouse have been obtained from Wadley Regional Medical Center and forwarded to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas. To date, then manner and cause of death is "pending" from the Medical Examiner.