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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-663-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 7/9/2019 3:58 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Galveston County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 601 54th St., Ste
2100

Agency City: Galveston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77551

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Henry

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Trochesset

Reporter Name: Dennis Macik

Reporter Email: dennis.macik@co.galveston.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Christopher

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Russell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/13/1976

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/6/2019 6:20 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/6/2019 6:20 AM

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
pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy
results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending Autopsy and Toxicology Reports

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: 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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1051 6th Street

City: San Leon

County: Galveston

Zip: 77539

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

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: 7/6/2019 6:20 AM

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:

Driving while under the influence

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: 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: Yes

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:

Christopher Russell drove his off into a ditch. When confronted by a deputy, Russell refused to exit his vehicle by grasping the steering wheel. Deputy escorted Russell out of the drivers seat. Russell collapsed falling onto the ground and became unresponsive. EMS was called and pronounced Russell deceased at the scene. Russell's body was transported to the Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office for a autopsy. Russell's Autopsy Results are pending Toxicology Results.