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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-880-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/9/2020 5:08 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texarkana Community College Police Dept.	Agency Address:	2500 North Robison Road
Agency City:	Texarkana	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75599		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Stephen
Director Middle Name:	D		
Director Last Name:	Gass		
Reporter Name:	Stephen Gass	Reporter Email:	stephen.gass@texarkanacollege.edu

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Darren

Middle Name: Corneilus

Last Name: Boykin

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/13/1995

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 23

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/29/2019 2:10 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/29/2019 6:51 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:
Complications of sickle cell trait

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

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

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 North State Line Ave	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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

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:

Evading Arrest or Detention

Offense 2:

Resisting Arrest

Offense 3:

Failure to Identify - Fugitive

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: 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): No

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?:	Yes
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:	Yes
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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On August 29, 2019, Texarkana Community College Police Department received a call that a male matching the description of the suspect in previous thefts on campus had been observed entering an academic building on campus. Officers responded and two officers wearing police uniforms made contact with a male later identified as Darren Corneilus Boykin on the second floor of the building in the hallway as a third officer was still arriving to assist. Officers were attempting to identify him by asking his name and if he was a student of Texarkana College when he pushed away from officers and fled from officers on foot. Both officers pursued him but only one officer was able to follow him from the building. Darren Boykin was pursued and taken into custody several blocks from where the foot pursuit began but the officer was only able to handcuff one hand as Darren Boykin laid on the ground. The two other officers arrived and one assisted with handcuffing Darren Boykin. He was transported by a Texarkana Texas Police Department officer for Texarkana Community College Police Department to the Bi-State Justice Center. Upon arrival and attempt to have him exit the patrol car it was determined he was not responding and emergency medical care including CPR was started. An ambulance was called to the scene and he was transported to a medical facility for treatment but was pronounced dead at 6:51 pm.