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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 20-497-C

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 6/2/2020 9:34 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Clay County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 215 West Gilbert

Agency City: Henrietta

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76365

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Kenneth

Director Middle Name: R

Director Last Name: Lemons

Reporter Name: Donny Johns

Reporter Email: donny.johns@co.clay.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Stefan

Middle Name: Boone

Last Name: Hopkins

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/30/1987

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/15/2020 9:47 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/16/2020 1:33 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: 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 results

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?: 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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 400 East Sheldon

City: Henrietta

County: Clay

Zip: 76365

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: 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:

Driving While Intoxicated

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: 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?: Unknown

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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs; Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 15 May 20 at approximately 9:47pm, Deputies with the Clay County Sheriff's Office, were dispatched to the 400 block of East Sheldon, Henrietta, Clay County, Texas, in reference to a single vehicle accident.

Deputies arrived on scene and made contact with STEFAN BOONE HOPKINS. HOPKINS stated he was leaving a friend's house and got lost due to the fact that he did not live in this area and because of the heavy rain. HOPKINS stated he was driving a little fast and missed the curve as he was traveling north bound on California St. As the responding deputy investigated the accident he noticed that HOPKINS appeared to be intoxicated. The investigating deputy asked HOPKINS if he had been drinking and HOPKINS stated he had "five or six beers." The investigating deputy told HOPKINS he was going to check his eyes for nystagmus. HOPKINS then stated "You might as well take me to jail because I've been drinking."

HOPKINS was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to the Clay County Sheriff's Office where further investigation into HOPKINS' intoxication level would be accomplished. During the interview with HOPKINS it was determined by the deputy that HOPKINS would be transported to the Clay County Memorial Hospital for a blood draw to determine intoxication level. HOPKINS was transported to the CCMH-ER at 10:28pm.

While nursing staff was preparing to conduct the blood draw, HOPKINS stated that he was feeling funny and

grabbed his chest. He then told deputies that he had swallowed 1 gram of methamphetamine prior to deputies arrival. HOPKINS stated that he did this so that he would not "get in trouble." HOPKINS then began to show signs of distress and medical staff intervened immediately. HOPKINS began to convulse violently and had to be restrained while medical staff treated him. HOPKINS was restrained so that he would not injure himself or medical staff that was treating him. HOPKINS' convulsions subsided and he was subsequently released from restraint for further treatment. Medical intervention was unsuccessful and HOPKINS was pronounced deceased at 01:33am.

Due to HOPKINS being in police custody at the time of his death, the Texas Rangers were notified and that agency began an investigation.