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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 21-1123-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 1/12/2022 1:22 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: Shane Sowell

Reporter Email: shane.sowell@bellcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Raymond

Middle Name: Armonda

Last Name: James

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/2/1984

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or 3/26/2021 12:09
Incident: AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/20/2021 6:55 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 are
Evaluation?: available

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cause of death is Covid-19.

other Significant Contributing factors: 1) Hypertensive cardiovascular disease, diabetic mellitus, obesity.

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Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas

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?: 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: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2401 S. 31st St

City: Temple

County: Bell

Zip: 79508

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Scott and White Hospital

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:

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: 8/2/2021 5:07 AM

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:

Agg Robbery

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons

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?: Yes

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 August 8, 2021 at approximately 5:07 am inmate Raymond Armonda McElrathbey was assigned to the infirmary of the Bell County Jail due to Covid when he collapsed. Medical personal sent McElrathbey out by EMS and he was hospitalized. On August 20, 2021 at 6:55 am McElrathbey was pronounced deceased. No specific cause of death has been given pending results of autopsy.

Received autopsy report on 1/12/2022 for Raymond Armond James (later identified as correct name) dated 10/21/21. Cause of death Covid-19 with other significant contributing factor: Hypertensive cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, obesity. Manner of death: Natural by Emily Ogden M.D. Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas.