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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1183-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/9/2021 4:47 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Denton County Sheriff's Office.	Agency Address:	127 N. Woodrow Ln. Suite 300
Agency City:	Denton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76205		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Tracy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Murphree		
Reporter Name:	Ronald Pettigrew	Reporter Email:	ron.pettigrew@dentoncounty.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Tarrance

Middle Name: F.

Last Name: Johnson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/16/1964

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 57

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/4/2021 4:04 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/2/2021 11:10 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Natural-Cardiac arrest

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?:	Could not be determined

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:	127 N. Woodrow Lane	City:	Denton
County:	Denton	Zip:	76205

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:	8/4/2021 4:04 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?:	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:

Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon

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?: 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

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 08-04-2021, Inmate Tarrance Johnson was booked into the Denton County Jail for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Department. On 08-24-2021, while sweeping the dayroom area in Main Jail, B-01 housing, Inmate Johnson fell onto the floor appearing to have a possible seizure. The other inmates alerted detention staff who subsequently called a medical emergency. Correctional Health staff responded and Denton Fire EMS was called. Inmate Johnson was transported to Medical City of Denton. It was later learned that Inmate Johnson went into cardiac arrest and reportedly crashed at least 5 times during life-saving measures. He was later shown to have no brain activity. Inmate Johnson was released from the custody of Denton County Jail on 08-30-2021 for humanitarian reasons in order for family members to be able to make decisions about maintaining life support. Inmate Johnson was an organ donor and his life ceased on 09-02-2021, in order for his organs to be harvested. We are still awaiting the medical examiner's report regarding actual time of death and attending physician's name. The investigation has been turned over to Texas Ranger Jeremy Wallace.