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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date: 4/26/2021 10:04
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Fannin County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 2375 Silo Rd

Agency City: Bonham

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75418

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Mark

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Johnson

Reporter Name: Nicholas Tredway

Reporter Email: ntredway@fanninco.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: Ray

Last Name: Hix

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/16/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 1/19/2021 2:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/3/2021 12:57 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: Homicide (includes
Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

This case is being investigated by Texas Ranger Sherman out Collin County. Mr. Hix was diagnosed with hypertension and had a history of cerebrovascular accident or stroke (CVA) The facility MD ordered the following medications for inmate Hix, Clopidogrel 75mg QD, Metoprolol 500mg ER QD, Atorvastatin 40mg QD, and Aspirin 81mg. Inmate Hix was compliant with his medication administration. On 1/31/21, the FCDC medical department received a phone call from Sgt. Earl asking that a nurse come to the Annex due to Hix complaining of "pressure in head." Hix was assessed by Jackie Wohadlo, RN, at 2210 hours . She treated him for a headache per FCDC protocol and also did a neurological assessment. He was cleared to return to his cell and advised to notify the Correctional Officer if symptoms worsened. On 2/1/21 at 0431 Hix was found in his cell unconscious by Nurse Booth. He was administered 2L of oxygen. Hix was transported to TMC Bonham via EMS at approximately 0510 hours. There are recordings of Mr. Hix and these were given to Ranger Sherman.

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?: Unknown person(s)
caused the injury

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?: Unknown

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: 725 CR 4200

City: Bonham

County: Fannin

Zip: 75418

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: 1/19/2021 2:00 PM

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:

Indecency w/Child

Offense 2:

Sexual Assault Child/Continuous Victim u/14

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: Crimes Against
Child(ren)

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?: 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 01/19/2021, James Ray Hix (Inmate) was booked into the Fannin County Detention Center (FCDC) after he was arrested for two outstanding felony warrants. The outstanding warrants were:

Indecency with a child, warrant #20-00503, \$40,000 cash bond

Continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14 years old, warrant # 20-00921, \$60,000 cash bond

On 01/31/2021, Hix was treated by medical staff at the FCDC for "pressure in his head." According to FCDC medical staff, he was treated consistent with protocol and asked to advise if the symptoms worsened.

On 02/01/2021 at approximately 4:31 AM, Hix was found unresponsive in his cell by FCDC staff. Hix was the only occupant in the cell at the time. Hix was initially transported to TMC hospital in Bonham where medical personnel suspected Hix suffered a stroke. Hix was then transported to Medical City Hospital in Plano for advanced medical treatment.

On 02/03/2021 at 12:57 PM, Inmate Hix was pronounced deceased at Medical City Hospital in Plano. The Collin County Medical Examiner in McKinney conducted an autopsy, and the results are pending. The investigation by the Texas Rangers is ongoing into the in-custody death of Inmate Hix.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Sherman, Texas Ranger
Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Rangers Co. "B" – McKinney

Amended:

04/26/2021

Autopsy results indicated that the manner of death was Homicide not illness, Ranger Sherman of Ranger Company B is investigating this case the investigation is ongoing.