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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	4/15/2021 9:52 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: Michael

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Head

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/2/1966 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/7/2021 5:32 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/29/2021 1:10 AM

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:

liver cancer of unknown etiology

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: 5016 US-75
City: Denison
County: Grayson
Zip: 75020

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

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: 3/29/2021 1:10 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:

Federal Offense (no disclosed)

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Federal Offense (undisclosed to holding agency)

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?: Unknown

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:	Unknown		

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 03-29-2021, at approximately 1:10 a.m., Michael Head, W/M, DOB: 02-02-1966, a federal inmate (USMS #28801-078) incarcerated at the Fannin County Jail, died at Texoma Medical Center (TMC) in Denison, Grayson County, Texas. Per Fannin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) policy, the Texas Rangers were requested to conduct a Custodial Death Investigation (Texas Ranger Division File 2021I-TRB-50069364). Texas Ranger Brad Oliver, Co. "B" Sherman, was assigned this investigation. Ranger Oliver's investigation revealed the following information:

1). Head was placed into the Fannin County Jail on 01-07-2021, after being remanded into the United States Marshals Service (USMS) custody.

2). On 02-19-2021, USMS received notification from medical staff that Head had been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver, acute and subacute hepatic failure, transaminitis, ascites, stage 4 hepatic cancer with extensive metastasis and hypertension.

3). Head was continuously hospitalized at TMC from 02-28-2021 to 03-29-2021. Correctional Officers from the Fannin County Jail retained custody of Head during this same time frame.

4). Grayson County Justice of the Peace, Pct. #1, was called to TMC to hold an inquest regarding Head's death. After conferring with medical staff at TMC, the Justice of the Peace did not authorize an autopsy. The Justice of the Peace ruled Head's cause of death to be liver cancer of unknown etiology. Manner of death was ruled natural.

5). Head's medical records were obtained from TMC pursuant to a grand jury subpoena. The records indicated he had been put on comfort measures only. The medical records indicated Head died from end-stage liver disease, advanced hepatocellular and acute kidney injury."

6). The Criminal District Attorneys of Grayson County and Fannin County were provided with the facts of Head's death and agreed no further investigation was warranted, nor was a grand jury review required.