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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-197-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/16/2022 3:46 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Murphy Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 206 N. Murphy Rd.

Agency City: Murphy

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75094

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Chris

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Chandler

Reporter Name: Chris Chandler

Reporter Email: cchandler@murphytx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ray

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Deason

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/8/1970

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 52

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 1/24/2022 6:15 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/24/2022 7:16 AM

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:

Enlarged heart (520) grams with heart disease and presence of high level of methamphetamines (3900 Mg per ML)

Methamphetamines psychosis during struggle with law enforcement.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Methamphetamines psychosis during struggle with law enforcement.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 915 Blue Jay Drive

City: Murphy

County: Collin

Zip: 75094

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

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:

Medical/Mental Health

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: Medical / Mental
Health assistance
call

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?: Yes

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?: Yes

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: Yes

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

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On January 24, 2022, around 05:50 hours, officers with the Murphy Police Department responded to 915 Blue Jay Drive, in Murphy, Collin County, TX in reference to a disturbance. It was the third such call to the residence, the first being at around 01:00 hours and the second being around 03:30 hours. The decedent was the complainant in the first two calls and the roommate/homeowner was the complainant on the third call. Officers suspected drug or mental health crisis on the decedent's part being the root cause of all calls. The third and final call was made because the decedent was in his room yelling and throwing things around. Officers attempted to contact the decedent, but he refused to open the door. Another officer arrived and built a rapport through the bedroom door causing the decedent to unlock it. Upon entry to the room, officers saw

the decedent on the floor thrashing around and appearing to be reacting to an imaginary source. They knew they would have to detain him for mental health purposes, so they handcuffed him and attempted to secure him so that he would not injure himself. After he was handcuffed, within a very short time, they noticed that the subject had stopped breathing and CPR was begun by the officers. An automated external defibrillator (AED) was retrieved and connected to the decedent. The Murphy Fire Department arrived on-scene and the decedent was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.