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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-1429-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 10/30/2023 3:24
PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bell County Sheriff's
Office

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: Thomas

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rolston

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/28/1967

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/12/2023 3:53 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/19/2023 11:19 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 pending

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

Pending autopsy

Manner of Death: results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending autopsy results

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1201 Huey Dr.

City: Belton

County: Bell

Zip: 76513

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: 10/12/2023 3:20
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:

PC 22.07(c)(1)/ Terroristic Threat of Family/Household MA

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:

Thomas Rolston was laying in his bunk inside a direct supervision housing unit when another inmate advised the officer working the housing unit Rolston was not feeling well. The officer approached Rolston and spoke with him about Rolston's medical issues. The officer went to the desk to call and advised the infirmary Rolston would be escorted to the infirmary for chest pains. When the officer returned to Rolston at his bunk, he observed Rolston unresponsive. The officer called a medical emergency for the housing unit and all other inmates were removed to the recreation yard. Once medical staff arrived, the facility doctor performed life saving measures until EMS arrives and transported Rolston to Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Rolston was pronounced deceased at 11:09 AM by Justice of Peace Larry Wilke. Justice of the Peace Wilke has ordered an autopsy for cause of death.

Pending results of autopsy.