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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-1547-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 11/22/2023 11:15
AM

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: Daniel

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Smith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/4/1983

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 1/18/2022 7:14 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/18/2023 9:57
AM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: 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: Unknown

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?: 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: 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: 1/18/2022 7:14 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Law enforcement
facility/booking
center

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:

HSC481.115(d) POSS CS PG 1/1-B>=4G<200g

Offense 2:

PC 30.02(c)(1)/ Burglary of Building

Offense 3:

HSC 481.121(b)(1)/ POSS MARIJ <2oz

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug
offense

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): Unknown

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 November 18, 2023, at approximately 9:05 am, inmate Smith Daniel was found unresponsive next to his bunk in B2D housing unit of the loop Jail facility. Smith had returned to his housing unit from his cleaning detail as a working inmate inside the intake area. On camera, Smith can be seen walking around the cell and watching tv in the hours leading up to his medical emergency. While sitting on his bunk in the very back of the cell, Smith can be seen in the video at 8:06 am tipping over and falling under the bunk next to his. All the inmates in the area around Smith appeared to be sleeping and didn't hear or react to him falling to the floor. After Cpl. Jefferson entered the cell and found Smith on the ground, he called for a medical emergency via radio. Additional staff and medical personnel arrived and life saving measures were started. A short time later EMS arrive and took over life saving measure but was unable to gain a pulse on Smith. Justice of the Peace Theodore Duffield was notified and pronounced Smith's time of death at 9:47 am.

Pending autopsy results