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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-1589-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 11/29/2023 2:13
PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Grayson County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 200 S. Crockett

Agency City: Sherman

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75090

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Thomas

Director Middle Name: E.

Director Last Name: Watt

Reporter Name: Kevin Cheairs

Reporter Email: cheairsk@co.grayson.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ricky

Middle Name: Eugene

Last Name: Griffin

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/16/1964

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 59

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 9/15/2023 6:32 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/26/2023 10:10
PM

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)

Manner of Death: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Stage 4 throat and mouth cancer.

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Stage 4 throat and mouth cancer

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: 5252 West
University Dr.,

City: McKinney

County: Collin

Zip: 75071

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: 9/15/2023 6:23 AM

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:

Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault Date/Family/House W/Weapon SBI

Offense 3:

Aggravated Assault W/Deadly Weapon

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of 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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Discharged firearm

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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Detention Officer Ashton Ritchie-Morales was assigned to hospital duty at Baylor Scott and White Hospital in McKinney, Texas to watch inmate Ricky Griffin SO#108005. He came on shift at 1600 on 11/26/2023. The inmate had a terminal illness in the form of Stage 4 cancer of the mouth, throat and bones. He was on a feeding tube and doing chemo treatments during his time within our facility. Due to his terminal diagnosis, Griffin had signed a Do Not Resuscitate Order on a previous hospital visit. At approximately 2030 hrs. the

hospital staff stated to Officer Morales that Griffin did not look well and he needed to be restarted on oxygen. He had previously been on oxygen checks earlier in the day while at the hospital. His O2 levels were in the 50's and 60's. He was restarted on oxygen by the hospital staff. At 2210 hrs. Officer Morales heard Griffin say, "Help me, help me!" then he was unresponsive. Officer Morales called for the medical staff. Medical staff took his vitals and pronounced him deceased at 2210.

Inmate Griffin had been in the hospital since 11/21/2023. He had been admitted to the hospital at least three times in the last 67 days that he was in the custody of the Grayson County Jail.

TXDPS Ranger Heath Peacock and GCSO Sgt. Jessey Grissom investigated the death.

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