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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-1789-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 1/5/2024 1:45 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Deaf Smith County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 3780 N.
Progressive Rd.

Agency City: Hereford

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79045

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Johnny

Director Middle Name: D

Director Last Name: Butler

Reporter Name: Derrick Bonds

Reporter Email: dscjail@wtrt.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Larry

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Hutchins

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/13/1979

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 3/4/2023 9:22 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/12/2023 9:12 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Lobar Pneumonia

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

Medical Treatment: No

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?: Could not be determined

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: 3782 N.
Progressive Rd.

City: Hereford

County: Deaf Smith

Zip: 79045

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 - single 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: 3/4/2023 9:22 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:

Possession of a Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G

Offense 2:

Theft of Property >=\$100<\$750

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: Alcohol / drug
offense; Crime
Against Property

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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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:

Larry Hutchins was found unresponsive by Officers Burch and Harbison at 0810 hrs. March 12, 2023. Officer Harbison thought he felt a faint pulse. At 0814 hrs. Officer Burch instructed Officer Salazar to call 911. EMTs entered the cell to assess Mr. Hutchins at 08:29 hrs. and then worked on him until they transported him to the hospital at 08:56 hrs. The ER doctor continued efforts to revive Mr. Hutchins with no success. Mr. Hutchins was pronounced deceased at 09:12 hrs. Judge Boren ordered an autopsy for Larry Hutchins at South Plains Forensic Pathology. Pathologist Thomas Parsons listed Lobar Pneumonia as the Cause of Death on the autopsy.