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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-701-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/11/2024 9:43 AM	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: Haywood

Middle Name:

Last Name: Riggins

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/14/1957 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/2/2023 8:52 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/5/2023 6:03 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:

Result of complications of chronic alcoholism.

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?:	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?:	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:	200 S. Crockett	City:	Sherman
County:	Grayson	Zip:	75090

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 - holding 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:	6/2/2023 9:35 AM

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?:	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:

Driving While Intoxicated

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: 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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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?:	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 06/02/2023 at approximately 0703 hours Officer Molina (Denison P.D.) arrived on scene at the Valero gas station located at 3029 Texoma Dr, Denison, TX, 75020 in regards to caller Amber who advised black male in a blue pickup struck a chain link fence which then struck the front door to the gas station. Officer Molina arrived on scene and located the suspect vehicle attempting to back out of the parking lot. Officer Molina made contact with the driver who was identified as Haywood Riggins . Officer Molina detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Riggins person. He stated he drank whiskey yesterday between the hours of 6pm-9pm at which point he went to sleep. He stated his last drink was last night at approximately 11pm. Riggins advised he was on his way to the lake to go fishing. Officer Molina asked Riggins if he would consent to Field Sobriety Tests, he consented. Officer Molina conducted Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) and observed all three clues in both eyes. He conducted the Walk and Turn test and Officer Molina observed the following clues: Stats too soon, Steps off line, Doesn't touch heel to toe, Uses arms to balance, Improper turn, and Wrong number of steps. He conducted the One Leg Stand and Officer Molina observed the following clues: Sways while balancing, Puts foot down, and Cannot perform test. Riggins was intoxicated in a public place after having operated his motor vehicle on a public roadway from his residence to the Valero gas station. Officer Molina placed Riggins under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). He was placed in handcuffs behind his back, double locked, then checked for proper fit. He was placed in the backseat of Officer Molina's patrol vehicle and read the Statutory Warning (DIC-24). Riggins consented to a blood draw and was transported to Texoma Medical Center (TMC). Once at TMC a DPS blood kit was used to take a specimen of Riggins' blood. Phlebotomist, Morgan Clark used a non-alcoholic wipe to sanitize the site of the draw. At approximately 0750 hours Riggins blood was drawn. A fit for confinement was completed and Riggins was released from TMC. He was transported to Grayson County Sheriff's Office and booked in accordingly . Riggins did not complain of any injury or illness while in Officer Molina's custody.

Intake was completed at 0935 hrs. on 06/02/2023 and Riggins was placed in holding cell #3 under observation for detox. Riggins remained in holding cell #3 until his time of death on 06/05/2023.

On 06/05/2023 Officer Lehman# 212 was working first floor duties. Officer Lehman was assigned to first floor scans. Upon arriving to work I Officer Lehman observed inmate Riggins, Haywood So # 107533 remove his orange inmate jumper in bookin holding cell 3. at approx 0350. At some point inmate Higgins proceeded to the toilet in bookin holding cell 3. At approx 0457 officer Lehman was doing morning feeding of the 3 bookin cells 1,2,3. Officer Lehman told Officer Miller, R #110 to open the door to bookin holding 3 at which point Officer Lehman entered and sat inmate Riggins food right inside the holding cell to the right. Officer Lehman told him that his breakfast was here and he mumbled. Officer Lehman had officer Miller close the door and

Officer Lehman continued with scans. One scan was conducted between the time inmate Riggins was fed and the time jail staff entered holding 3 at which point he was observed on the toilet. At Approx 0535. Officer Lehman was returning from a scan in Male Sep hallway when he saw Officer Farley and Cpl Gentry entering bookin holding 3. Officer Lehman entered and assisted Officer Farley in retrieving inmate Riggings off the toilet to the floor and immediately called for medical. When medical arrived Officer Lehman backed out of the holding cell 3 and allowed medical to work on Inmate Riggins.

Sherman Fire/EMS responded to the jail and no transport to hospital due to Riggins being deceased. TXDPS Ranger Heath Peacock responded to perform investigation.

Autopsy reporting pending labs.