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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 23-895-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 5/20/2024 8:02 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Harris County  
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ed

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gonzalez

Reporter Name: Jeffery Vickery

Reporter Email: jeffery.vickery@sheriff.hctx.net

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Nelvin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/11/1989

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 7/8/2023 12:59 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 7/8/2023 2:01 PM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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

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Medical Examiner/Coroner  
Evaluation?: Yes, results are  
available

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

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Manner of Death: Accidental

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Acute cocaine toxicity

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

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Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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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)

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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?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

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Means of Death: Unknown

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 10154 Ella Falls  
Blvd

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77038

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

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Location Category: Parking lot/garage

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

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Type of Custody: Police Custody  
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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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?

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Offense 1:

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

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)

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Type of 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?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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| 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: | Unknown | 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?

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Under Restraint: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

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Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

## Summary of Incident

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

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Summary:

On July 8, 2023, deputies responded to 10154 Ella Falls Blvd in reference to an In-Progress call for service. The reporting party advised a male attempted to steal a vehicle and was pulled out by the vehicle owner. Arriving deputies were advised the suspect was seen near a gas station parking lot. Deputies located the suspect on his knees on the roadway and detained him in handcuffs. As deputies escorted the suspect off the roadway, the suspect had a medical episode, and EMS was requested. The suspect became unresponsive and CPR was started as EMS paramedics arrived. Paramedics transported the suspect to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced deceased by a medical doctor.