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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-1032-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/19/2025 9:22
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bowie County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 100 North State
Line, BOX 18

Agency City: Texarkana

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75501

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: JEFF

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: NEAL

Reporter Name: Robby McCarver

Reporter Email: robbymccarver@bowiecounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Clovis

Middle Name: Walton

Last Name: Gurley

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/17/1970

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 12/9/2025 9:51 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/9/2025 2:45 PM

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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Per medical examiner's report...."Cardiovascular disease to include atherosclerosis, hypertension, and bicuspid aortic valve, in conjunction with the toxic effects of methamphetamine"

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?: 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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 100 North State
Line Avenue

City: Texarkana

County: Bowie

Zip: 75501

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 - day room/recreation area

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: 12/9/2025 9:51 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:

Probation Violation for Attempt to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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): No

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?: N/A

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:

Inmate Clovis Walton Gurley w/m 8-17-1970 was brought to our jail on an outstanding warrant for Probation Violation-Attempt to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was booked into the Bowie County Jail on 12-09-2025 @ 9:51am. Gurley was later housed in K-Pod, a multi cell pod with a shared day room. Gurley was found unresponsive at 2:41pm and was attended to by jail and medical staff. He was breathing and still able to move extremities at 2:44pm. CPR was started at 2:48pm and LifeNet ambulance service arrived at 2:55pm. Life saving efforts were continued until 3:29pm but were unsuccessful. JP Nancy Talley responded and ordered the autopsy of Gurley.

We notified Texas Ranger Joshua Mason to conduct the investigation as required by statute. He responded and processed the scene with our assistance. There were no indications of foul play.

Video footage was reviewed that showed inmate Gurley in the day room of K-Pod within the jail. A jail check was done by a correctional officer at 2:33pm. At 2:37pm, Gurley is seen with his head down on the table before sitting up and swaying back and forth. He is then observed urinating on himself at 2:38pm before falling off the stool at 2:39pm. He appears to struggle with breathing until jail/medical staff arrive at 2:41pm. Jail video indicates that Gurley suffered a major medical event leading to his death.

Additional Information-Per Medical examiner's report, Gurley's death was ruled accidental. The cause of death is "Cardiovascular disease to include atherosclerosis, hypertension, and bicuspid aortic valve, in conjunction with the toxic effects of methamphetamine".