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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16117CJ

Report Date: 3/21/2016 3:40 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 361

Department Type: SHERIFF

Agency Name: Harris County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Number: TX1010000

Agency Phone: 7137557341

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency County: Harris

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

Ron

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Hickman

Reporter Name: Sgt. Kathryn
Wilson

Reporter Email: Kathy.wilson@sheriff.hctx.net

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 6411 Fannin St.

City: Houston

County: Harris

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 - multiple occupancy cell

Custody Type Facility:

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: 8/21/2014 11:32
AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Derrick

Middle Name: Labrock

Last Name: Smith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/25/1954

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 3/18/2016 6:36 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

8/21/2014 11:32 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:

Other Homicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of paraplegia due to remote gunshot wound of the torso with thoracic spinal cord injury

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

Medical Treatment:

Yes

Medical Treatment Description:

Low Blood Pressure

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

Who caused the death?:

Don't know

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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?:

Don't know

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

Means of Death:

Don't know

General Information

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:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by NA

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Exhibit any mental health problems?:

Exhibit any medical problems?:

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

Threaten the officer(s) involved: No

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No

Try to escape/flee from custody: No

Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s): No

Other Behavior:



Specify Other Behavior:

In-Custody

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s): 0

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 Friday, March 18, 2016, Inmate Derrick Smith SPN 00455719 died in custody at Memorial Hermann Hospital located at 6411 Fannin, Texas, 77030. Inmate Smith was pronounced deceased by attending physician Sheba John at 1836 hours. Inmate Smith, a black male, 61 years of age had been in the custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office since his arrest for murder with \$50,000 bond on August 21, 2014. Case

#143409001010 is assigned to the 174th District Court. The Following is a synopsis of the death of Inmate Smith: • On February 22, 2016, at approximately 1113 hours, Inmate Smith was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital for low blood pressure. • On Thursday, March 17, 2016, Inmate Smith provided Memorial Hermann Hospital a DNR Order to Not Resuscitate. • On Friday, March 18, 2016, at 1030 hours, Inmate Smith's blood pressure dropped and Dr. Sheba John removed Inmate Smith from life support. • On Friday, March 18, 2016, at 1836 hours, Dr. Johns pronounced Inmate Smith deceased.