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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16196CJ

Report Date: 5/16/2016 2:34 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: Ronny R. Taylor

Reporter Email: ronny.taylor@sheriff.hctx.net

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1200 Baker Street

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Donovan

Middle Name:

Last Name: Phillips

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/16/1974

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 5/15/2016 10:40
PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

2/10/2016 12:44 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 Causes/Illness

Manner of Death Description:

Cardiovascular disease

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease and dilated cardiomyopathy

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

Medical Treatment:

Not Applicable

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

Who caused the death?:

Not applicable; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

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:

Not applicable; cause of death was intoxication or illness/natural causes

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:

Poss w/Intent Deliver

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: Yes

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No

Try to escape/flee from custody: No

Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s): Yes

Other Behavior:



Specify Other Behavior:

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:

Yes

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Sunday, May 15, 2016 inmate Donovan Phillips SPN 01385423 died in custody at Ben Taub Hospital located at 1504 Ben Taub Loop, Houston, Tx. 77030. Inmate Phillips was pronounced deceased by attending physician Doctor Raymond Choi at 22:40 hours. Inmate Phillips was a Black male, 41 years of age and had been in the custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office since February 10, 2016 @ 00:44 hours after his arrest by Baytown PD for Poss w/ int Del CS PG1>=4 (Case #14981700and Poss Marij 4oz - 5lbs (Case #14981690). The following is a synopsis of the death of inmate Phillips on May 15, 2016: 20:00 hrs D.O. J. Leviston observed inmate Phillips laying on the day room floor (3F1) screaming and rolling around, 20:10 hrs Phillips was escorted to the 3rd floor holding cell, 20:25 hrs Phillips was escorted to the 1200 Clinic, 20:30 hrs

Phillips arrived in the Clinic and was combative (attempting to bite personnel) was restrained to a gurney and observed, 21:35 hrs Nurse Okojie checked vitals and discovered Phillips not breathing / CPR began, 21:45 hrs HFD Engine #9 arrived and transported Phillips to Ben Taub Hospital, 22:40 hrs Phillips was pronounced deceased by Dr. Raymond Choi.