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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16326CJ

Report Date: 7/28/2016 11:22 AM

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: 1504 Taub Loop

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: Donald

Middle Name: Ray

Last Name: Mathes

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/17/1955

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 7/22/2016 7:17 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

1/20/2016 3:30 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:

Natural Causes/Illness

Manner of Death Description:

Heart disease

Death Reason:

Medical condition only (e.g. heart attack)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus

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:

Was Receiving Medical Treatment / Autopsy Pending

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:

Assault Bodily Injury

Offense 2:

Theft by Check

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:

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 July 22, 2016, Inmate Donald Ray Mathes (SPN00099495) died in custody at Ben Taub Hospital located at 1504 Taub Loop, Houston, Texas 77030. Inmate Mathes was pronounced deceased by attending

physician Dr. Hassan Kamran at 1917 hours. Inmate Mathes, a Black male 60 years of age had been in the custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office since his arrest by HPD for Assault-Bodily Injury to Family Member, case # 1495568, with a \$25,000.00 bond assigned to the 182nd District Court and also Theft by Check, case # 2055420, with a \$500.00 bond assigned to County Court 13. The following is a synopsis of the death of Inmate Mathes: On January 20, 2016, @ 1530 hours, Inmate Mathes was processed into the Harris County Jail for (1) Assault-Bodily Injury of Family Member (\$25,000.00 bond) and (2) Theft by Check (\$500.00 bond). On July 7, 2016, Detention Officer Kelly was notified by inmates in 3C2 that Inmate Mathes was "having chest pains and could not get up". Medical was notified of the emergency. On July 7, 2016 @ approximately 2320 hours Mathes was transported by van to Ben Taub Hospital. On July 22, 2016, @ 1917 hours, Inmate Mathes was pronounced deceased by Dr. Hassan Kamran. Autopsy pending.