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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16412MJ

Report Date: 9/14/2016 4:13 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 399

Department Type: POLICE

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Number: TXHPD0000

Agency Phone: 7133081600

Agency Address: 1200 Travis

Agency City: Houston

Agency County: Harris

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Acting Chief

Director First Name:

Martha

Director Middle Name:

I.

Director Last Name:

Montalvo

Reporter Name: Off SA Reyes
(Info provided by
Lt KJ Deese)

Reporter Email: stephanie.reyes@houstonpolice.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 61 Reisner

City: Houston

County: Harris

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

Type of Custody:

Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - holding 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: 9/3/2016 6:06 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Willie

Middle Name: R

Last Name: Wright

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/4/1958

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 9/5/2016 6:46 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

9/3/2016 6:06 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:

Blood clot (lung)

Death Reason:

Medical condition only (e.g. heart attack)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pulmonary thromboemboli secondary to deep venous thromboses of bilateral lower extremities associated with obesity

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

Medical Treatment:

No

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?:

Pre-existing medical condition

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:

Aggravated Robbery

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:

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 September 3, 2016, Willie Wright was arrested for Robbery (HPD Case 113109316) and booked into the central jail at approximately 6:06 p.m. Body Camera footage from the arresting officers show no use of force during his arrest. At the time of booking, Wright informed the jail staff that he was a diabetic. He did not disclose any other significant history. Wright was seen in the Jail Clinic on September 3, 2016 at 6:25 p.m., on September 3, 2016 at 8:45 p.m., on September 4 at 9:50 a.m., and on September 4, 2016 at 6:25 p.m.. In addition, on September 5, 2016, Wright was assessed on the fifth floor by jail medical staff at approximately 4:25 a.m. because he was a known diabetic and refused to go to the clinic. On September 5, 2016, at approximately 4:55 a.m., Wright was taken for pre-trial on the 5th floor by Jail Attendant Kevin Adams. Adams

observed Wright fall to the floor in distress; possibly having a seizure. Adams called for Sergeant Sanchez and then called 911 upon his arrival as instructed. Adams and Sanchez were joined by Jail Attendant L. Mosley, Jail Attendant D. Sanders, Jail Attendant C. Wynn, Jail Medical Specialist F. Nnamonu, and Jail Medical Specialist C. Nnaka. Wright was evaluated, placed on a stretcher, and moved to the clinic. While waiting for HFD, Wright became unresponsive. CPR was initiated and HFD Ambulance 9 arrived on scene at approximately 5:06 a.m. HFD Advanced Life Support arrived at approximately 5:26 a.m. and continued efforts to revive Wright. Transport to Ben Taub Hospital was initiated at approximately 6:08 a.m. with an arrival time of 6:21 a.m.. Wright was pronounced deceased by the emergency room physician at 6:46 a.m. Wright did not appear to have suffered from any trauma. During an autopsy at the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences on September 6, 2016, Dr. Ross was able to determine that Wright died from a blood clot that traveled to his lungs, likely originating in his legs. Ross stated she will have to further investigate why the clot formed; however, she indicated it (clot) originated long before Wright was arrested. A formal medical ruling is pending.