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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16507CJ

Report Date: 11/1/2016 10:40 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 361

Department Type: SHERIFF

Agency Name: Harris County Sheriff's Dept.

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: James Dewey, Lt

Reporter Email: jim.dewey@sheriff.hctx.net

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1401 St Josphe
Parkway

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: Alpha

Middle Name:

Last Name: Eze

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/2/1988

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 10/28/2016 3:22
PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

9/24/2016 10:43 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

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Medical Condition Only

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pulmonary thromboemboli due to deep venous thrombosis of the lower extremities secondary to dehydration associated with depression with psychosis

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:

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:

Agg Assault of a Family Member

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 October 28, 2016, Inmate Alpha Eze (SPN 002745339) died in custody at St. Joseph Hospital located at 1401 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, Texas 77002. Inmate Eze was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. Mike Shin at 15:22 hours. Inmate Eze, a Black male, 28 years of age had been in the custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office since his arrest by the Houston Police Department for AGG Assault of a Family Member with a \$ 0 bond. Case # 14350700 is assigned to the 351st District Court.

The following is a synopsis of the death of Inmate Eze:

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, @ 22:43 hours, Inmate Eze was processed into the Harris County Jail for AGG. Assault of a Family Member with a No Bond on case # 14350700.

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, during processing, the HCSO Mental Health Application Form was completed for Inmate Eze. (Note) during the Mental Health Screening, Inmate Eze answered all 16 screening questions "No"; and there were no additional comments.

On Friday, October 28, 2016 at approximately 14:15 hours, Detention Officer J. Green was advised by Psych. Tech Agbontaen Kingsley that Inmate Eze was unresponsive. CPR was immediately initiated by Psych. Tech Tony Thomas and Medical was notified. MHU Charge Nurse Florence responded with an AED.

On Friday, October 28, 2016, Medical staff arrived with a stretcher and Inmate Eze was transported to the 1200 Clinic with CPR in progress.

On Friday, October 28, 2016 at 14:42 hours, HFD (Medic #6) arrived and began providing medical assistance to Inmate Eze. At approximately 14:52 hours, HFD supervisor Warren Riojas arrived.

On Friday, October 28, 2016 at 15:08 hours, HFD departed 1200 Clinic enroute to St. Joseph Hospital with CPR continuing on Inmate Eze.

On Friday, October 28, 2016 at approximately 15:14 hours Inmate Eze arrived at St. Joseph Hospital, located at 1401 St. Joseph Parkway and was placed in Room #1 of the Emergency Center.

On Friday, October 28, 2016, after several attempts were made, by St. Joseph medical staff to revive Inmate Eze, he (Eze) was pronounced deceased at 15:22 hours by attending physician Dr. M. Shin.

Case referred to HCSO Homicide and IAD for review and disposition.

Autopsy pending.