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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-114-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	3/15/2017 5:43 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hockley County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1310 Ave. H
Agency City:	Levelland	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79336		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	James
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Scifres		
Reporter Name:	James Scifres	Reporter Email:	rscifres@hockleycounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jimmy

Middle Name: Dale

Last Name: Taylor

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/10/1955 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/12/2017 4:28 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/13/2017 5:10 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

Medical Cause of Death:

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Pheumonia. Other significant conditions contributing to the death were listed as: Pyelonephritis, pulmonary emphysemia, metastatic prostate cancer.

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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

Who caused the death?:	Not applicable

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?:	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 illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1310 Avenu H	City:	Levelland
County:	Hockley	Zip:	79336

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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 - single cell

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:	2/12/2017 4:28 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?:	Yes

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:

Parole Violation

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Violation of Parole warrant

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons: No

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

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:

The decedent was arrested on 2/12/17 for a parole violation warrant and booked into the jail. At the time of booking, the decedent advised the detention officer that he had prior medical problems, specifically involving his prostate. The decedent also stated he had been taking an antibiotic.

The decedent informed detention staff that he was urinating blood and that he could not control when he urinated which caused him to urinate on himself constantly. An appointment was made to have him examined at a local clinic on 3/2/2017.

On 3/2/2017, the decedent was evaluated and diagnosed with a urinary tract infection and benign prostatic hypertrophy, and prescribed an antibiotic to be taken two times a day. The decedent took his medication as prescribed from 3/2/2017 through the morning of 3/9/2017. The decedent refused his medication the evening of 3/9/2017, and twice per day on 3/10/2017, 3/11/2017, and 3/12/2017.

The decedent was housed in a single cell. A detention officer was passing indigent materials at approximately 0500 hours on 3/13/2017, and found the individual to be unresponsive. The shift supervisor was notified and EMS was contacted. The detention officer attempted CPR prior to EMS arrival. Sheriff's Office administration was notified, along with an investigator for the Sheriff's Office, the Texas Rangers, and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The Justice of the Peace pronounced him deceased and placed the time of death at approximately 0510 hours on 3/13/2017.

A Texas Rangers responded and assisted with processing the area, including photographing the cell and an examination of the decedent. The decedent was released to EMS for transport to South Plains Forensic Pathology for an autopsy that was ordered by the Justice of the Peace. The autopsy was scheduled for 3/14/17 at approximately 0830 hours.

On 3/14/2017, the autopsy was conducted and the findings were as follows: Natural death, with a medical cause of pneumonia. Other significant conditions contributing to death were noted as pyelonephritis,

pulmonary emphysema, and metastatic prostate cancer.Also noted at the autopsy was "arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease with abdominal aortic aneurysm."

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards was notified of the findings, as well as the Texas Rangers.