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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-284-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/26/2022 2:37 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Patricio County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	300 North Rachal
Agency City:	Sinton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78387		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Leroy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Moody		
Reporter Name:	Sgt. Invest. Steven Loving	Reporter Email:	sp.608@co.san-patricio.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: William

Middle Name: Patrick

Last Name: Kerr

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/12/1948 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 69

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/1/2017 11:52 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/5/2017 9:36 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Combined Drug Toxicity - Hepatic fatty metamorphosis

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: Could not be determined

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:	300 N. Rachal	City:	Sinton
County:	San Patricio	Zip:	78387

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 - detox 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:	5/1/2017 11:52 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Medical facility

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?:	No

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:

DWI - 3rd or more

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

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?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

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		Gain possession of officer's	

officer(s):	No	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:

On May 5, 2017, inmate William Patrick Kerr (DOB 04-12-48) was found unresponsive in the padded cell of the San Patricio County Jail (SPCJ). CPR was performed by the jail nurse and SAVES (Sinton) EMS transported Kerr to the Northshore Emergency Center (NEC) in Portland, TX. It was reported that Kerr had a pulse when he was transported from the SPCJ to NEC. Kerr was declared dead at 09:38 am by Dr. Dante Pepeto on May 05, 2017 at NEC.

Kerr had been committed to the SPCJ for a ten day commitment before being transferred to the state SAFP program. Kerr was being held in a solitary inmate cell from the time he was received into the jail, until he was transported to the NEC.

Kerr was received in the jail on May 1, 2017. Kerr was transported to NEC on May 3, 2017 after a fall in the jail; housed in cell 359. Upon returning to the SPCJ Kerr was housed in a padded cell for fall protection. Kerr remained housed in the padded cell until found unresponsive on May 5, 2017.

Kerr was found unresponsive on May 5, 2017 and transported to NEC by SAVES (Sinton) Emergency Medical Service. CPR was performed by Jail Nurse, Mary Ann Rodriguez. After Kerr was discovered unresponsive by correction's officers conducting scheduled inmate cell checks.

An interview was conducted by Dorthy Kerr (wife of Kerr) on May 5, 2017. Dorthy provided that Kerr had multiple medical conditions and was being treated for those conditions. She also offered that Kerr had a drinking problem, had seizures when not drinking, had collapsed several times, and had CPR performed to revive him several times in the past.

San Patricio County Justice of the Peace ordered an autopsy of Kerr and the investigation will continue upon receipt of the Medical Examiner's Report. On May 8, 2017, Dr. Adel Shaker of the Nueces County Medical Examiner's made a preliminary determination of manner of death to be, natural causes. The cause of death was pending laboratory results of samples taken from Kerr's body.