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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-413-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/18/2017 12:41 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lasalle County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	101 Courthouse Square
Agency City:	Cotulla	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78014		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Miguel
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Rodriguez		
Reporter Name:	Miguel Rodriguez	Reporter Email:	norma.miranda@co.la-salle.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: Dean

Last Name: Davis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/27/1975 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/31/2017 2:02 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/1/2017 6:57 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:

Accidental - drug overdose

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?:	Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	703 N. Main	City:	Cotulla
County:	La Salle	Zip:	78014

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 - holding 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:	7/31/2017 2:02 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:

Theft $100<$750

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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:

Warrant for Theft

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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 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:

On July 31, 2017, James Dean Davis (DOB: 01/27/1975) was arrested for an outstanding warrant on theft charges. James Dean Davis was taken into custody and turned over to the La Salle County Jail Staff.

James D. Davis was placed in a holding cell pending booking process. James occupied Holding Cell 2 accompanied by two other male subjects who were also in custody at the time. Interviews of the male subjects stated that James had not been feeling well and had informed the on shift jailer that he needed help.

Interview of the on shift jailer explained that she was informed that James had been detoxing, coming off an unknown narcotic substance. The jailer continued and stated that James did tell her that he was ill and wanted to see a doctor. The jailer did not call a supervisor or jail administrator and did not provide medical attention to James. The jailer described that James was moaning off and on all throughout the night.

James was found deceased by the male subjects sharing the holding cell with him the following morning of August 1, 2017. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3, George Trigo pronounced James at 0657 on August 1, 2017.