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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-523-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/28/2019 9:08 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	lupe
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	valdez		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Steven

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Mckennis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/21/1969

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 48

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/21/2017 5:57 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/23/2017 8:03 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

TOXIC EFFECTS OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS (5F-ADB)

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?:	Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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:	Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	111 W. Commerce St., (North Tower Jail Facility)	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	9/21/2017 5:57 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Dead on arrival at 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:

Manufacturing Delivery Controlled Substance PG2, F2

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: 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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	Unknown
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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 23, 2017, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Detention Service Officers in the Dallas County Jail North Tower (2West) were informed of an unresponsive inmate in 2W02. Officers responded and found Steven Mckennis B/M 02/21/1969 (Decedent) unresponsive in cell "B". Jail nursing staff started Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on the decedent and requested Dallas Fire and Rescue. Dallas Fire and Rescue arrived and took over CPR on the decedent. DFR #3 transported the Decedent to Parkland Memorial Hospital with CPR in progress and being escorted by Detention Service Officer B. Bailey #8344. The Decedent was pronounced deceased at 8:03 p.m., by Dr. Alex Koyfmen, Parkland Memorial Hospital.
While conducting interviews with the inmates housed in tank 2W02, I, Detective T. Trout #572 discovered that the decedent was involved in an altercation with another inmate identified as Kelsey Hunter B/M 09/29/1986 (Suspect) prior to becoming unresponsive. Inmates describe the altercation as being started by the decedent and was stopped while the decedent was still conscious. After the altercation was stopped, the decedent was having trouble breathing and used another inmates asthma inhaler. Inmates described the decedent as staggering to his cell and then falling on the floor. After several minutes on the floor the decedent became unresponsive. This death is being investigated by the Dallas County Sheriff's Department under service #17-100143. An Autopsy of the decedent was completed by the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office and the results are still pending at this time.

FINDINGS:
01. Toxic effects of synthetic cannabinoids (5F-ADB)
02. Hypertensive cardiovascular disease.
03. Benign follicular hyperplasia of the thyroid with degeneration.
04. Attempted resuscitation.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Steven Lee McKinnis, a 48-year-old male, died as a result of the toxic effects of synthetic cannabinoids (5F-ADB). Hypertensive cardiovascular disease contributed to the death.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident

Stephen M. Lenfest, M.D.
Medical Examiner
11-16-2017