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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-661-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/13/2017 4:04 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	2306 Douglass Hwy.
Agency City:	Nacogdoches	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75964		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Jason
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Bridges		
Reporter Name:	Jason Bridges	Reporter Email:	jbridges@nac-sheriff.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Voncharles

Middle Name: Decarlo

Last Name: Lane

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/24/1972

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/11/2017 2:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/15/2017 11:54 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:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive heart disease

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

Medical Treatment: No

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:	2306 Douglass Highway	City:	Nacogdoches
County:	Nacogdoches	Zip:	75964

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:	9/11/2017 2:40 PM

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?: 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:

Bench Warrant from TDCJ- MTRP- Possession of Controlled Substance- F-3

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

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 09-11-2017 Voncharles Lane was bench warranted from TDCJ on an MTRP charge for Nacogdoches County. During that time, Lane was housed in Dorm 6 in the Nacogdoches County Jail while awaiting for his court hearing on the charges against him. During his time as an inmate at the Nacogdoches County Jail, Lane never complained of any heart issues and was only seen by medical for complainants of his back hurting. Lane had prior history at the Nacogdoches County Jail. The jail had no prior information of Lane ever having any heart issues or other major medical issues.

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Voncharles Lane was seen by other inmates returning from the bathroom area and walked to his bunk where he laid down on his bottom bunk. An inmate in the cell new something was wrong by how Lane was posturing himself in his bed. Inmates then immediately notified control through the emergency button and asked for help. Jailers and medical staff immediately responded to the dorm. Medical staff conducted an evaluation on Lane, and CPR was started and continued until EMS arrived on scene. EMS continued CPR and transported Lane to the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital. Hospital Staff continued medical treatment until the doctor pronounced Lane. The doctor believed the death was caused by a heart attack.

Texas Ranger Jim Hicks was immediately notified of the situation and requested by the Sheriff to conduct an investigation into the death of Lane. The Nacogdoches County Sheriff Office conducted an internal investigation into all jail protocol. No violations of policy or procedure were found. The Texas Jail Commission was also immediately notified of the death and all required paperwork was sent to them.

On 12-12-2017, Sheriff Jason Bridges received a copy of the autopsy report for Voncharles Lane. The report listed the cause of death as Hypertensive Heart Disease and the manner of death as Natural.