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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-677-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/22/2017 11:42 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: Rad

Middle Name: Douglas

Last Name: Harrison

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/9/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 46

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/11/2017 1:18 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/18/2017 12:18 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide by Hanging

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?:	Decedent

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:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	111 W. Commerce St.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Dallas County Jail

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

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:

Burglary of Habitation

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

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?:	Yes	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 December 11th 2017, at 1:18 a.m., Rad Douglas Harrison W/M 03-09-71 (Decedent), was transferred from Garland Police Department, and booked into the Dallas County Jail, by Dallas Sheriff's Deputies. The Decedent was charged with Burglary of Habitation by forcing his way into a home and assaulting another person. The Decedent was placed in a medical housing unit, then transferred to a Behavioral Observation unit.
On December 17th 2017, shortly after 12:00 p.m., most all of the occupants of tank 4P13 were in the day room watching the football game that had just started. 4P13 is a multiple occupant housing location, containing a day room and three, eight man cells, labeled "A", "B" and "C". The Decedent went into cell C, inside of the tank, where two other inmates were sleeping. The Decedent went to the restroom area inside of the cell, which is partially blocked from view with a privacy wall that is approximately 4 feet tall.
The Decedent tied a white bath towel around the frame of the bunk bed, which is next to the privacy wall, opposite of the toilet.
The decedent then placed the towel around his neck, and extended his legs, allowing the towel to put pressure around the front and sides of his neck. The decedent lost consciousness, and the weight of his body was being supported by the towel through his neck.
Anther inmate, Kedric Robinson B/M 05-14-97, went into the cell during a commercial break during the football game, and found the Decedent hanging in front of the toilet, and unresponsive. Robinson immediately started screaming and Inmate Trevor Miller B/M 08-11-87 went into the cell and removed the towel from the Decedent, on the ground. No inmates performed CPR.

Detention Officers along with medical personnel responded to the scene. Dallas Fire Rescue #70 responded to the Dallas County Jail and transported the Decedent to Parkland Memorial Hospital with CPR in progress at 12:51 p.m. Detention Service Supervisor reported at 1:39 p.m. that the Decedent had a pulse. Doctors at PMH had the Decedent put on a respirator. Detective J.M. Cox #435 and Detective B. Fetter #629 went to the hospital for a follow-up, and was told by the charge nurse that the Decedent was in grave condition, and staff requested the family to go to the hospital.

Detectives then contacted the Decedent's wife, Kelli Ware-Harrison W/F 08-22-68, at her residence. Mrs. Harrison was transported to PMH by detectives as she contacted other family members.

On December 17th 2017, shortly before midnight, the family made the decision to disconnect the life support system, after consultation with the medical staff. On December 18th 2017, at approximately 12:10 a.m., the medical staff withdrew the life support system. The Decedent was pronounced deceased at 12:18 a.m., by Dr. Christine Sherwood, PMH. Detective J.M. Cox notified Death Investigation Jasmine Scott of the Medical Examiner's Office of the death under ME Case Number IFS-17-22591-M.E. On December 19th 2017, at 8:32 a.m., the Decedent was transported to the ME's office by the Southwest Institute of Forensic Science for an autopsy. This death is being investigated by the Dallas County Sheriff's Department under service number 17-133088.