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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-87-MJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/28/2017 3:58 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	North Richland Hills Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 820609
Agency City:	North Richland Hills	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76182		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	James
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Perdue		
Reporter Name:	John Thorpe	Reporter Email:	jdthorpe@nrhtx.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Cecilia

Middle Name: LaVonne

Last Name: Lyons

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/2/1971 Sex: Female

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: 1/27/2017 7:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/29/2017 3:00 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: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Diabetes Mellitus with Alprazolam intoxication

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?:	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:	4401 Booth Calloway Road	City:	North Richland Hills
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76180

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Municipal 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: 1/27/2017 7:12 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?: 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:

Possession Penalty Group 3 u/28 grams other

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: 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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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 January 27, 2017 at approximately 1912 hours, Cecilia Lavonne Lyons, was arrested and placed in the North Richland Hills Police Department jail for Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 3 under 28 grams, and Public Intoxication. Lyons, who appeared to be intoxicated was processed and placed into holding cell D2. The Public Intoxication charge was dropped in lieu of the PG 3 charge. As per standard procedure a cell check is performed on all prisoners every 30 minutes. Lyons was monitored through the camera in D2, through visual checks, and physical checks. Lyons had fallen asleep and could sometimes be heard snoring loudly, by the detention officers working book-in.
On January 28, at approximately 0330 hours during one of the cell checks Detention Officer (DO) G. Colby could not tell if Lyons was breathing and noticed she would not respond to his verbal commands. DO Colby checked Lyons and determined she was not breathing and he could not find a pulse. DO Colby immediately called out what was going on and asked for medics. Detention Supervisor (DS) Poole arrived along with DO Thompson and they began to assist DO Colby in CPR. The portable AED was obtained by Thompson and it was deployed. The AED functioned as it is designed to function and announced that no shock should be delivered and CPR continued, therefore no shock was delivered and CPR was continued.
On January 28, 2017, at 0338 hours, the North Richland Hills Paramedics/Fire Department (Medic 222 and Engine 223) were dispatched and arrived at 0344 hours. Paramedics continued CPR as they loaded and transported Lyons, by ambulance to North Hills Hospital. According to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office Ms. Lyons was pronounced dead on January 29, 2017 at 1530 hours. Manner of death is still pending.