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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-1358-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/25/2019 10:11 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Smith County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	227 N. Spring Ave.
Agency City:	Tyler	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75702		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Larry
Director Middle Name:	R		
Director Last Name:	Smith		
Reporter Name:	Deal Folmar	Reporter Email:	dfolmar@smith-county.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Randall

Middle Name: Lamont

Last Name: Britton

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/31/1986 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/18/2014 1:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/24/2018 5:25 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease

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?: 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:	104 S. Spring	City:	Tyler
County:	Smith	Zip:	75702

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 - single 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:	8/18/2014 1:30 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Jail-Single Cell

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:

Murder

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: 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?: 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 Saturday, November 24, 2018, at 5:25 pm as Detention Officers were preparing to feed inmates on the second floor of the Central Jail Facility, they were notified of an inmate who was not responding. Detention Officers entered the cell to find inmate, Randall Britton unresponsive and a Code Blue (Medical Emergency) was called. Smith County Jail medical personnel arrived a short time later and began CPR, to include Automated External Defibrillator AED. The Tyler Fire Department and EMS arrived and continued CPR until a determination was made he was deceased.

As is standard protocol in the event of a death in custody, Texas Ranger Chris Baggett was notified. Ranger Baggett arrived and began a Death In Custody investigation. Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Quincy Beavers held an inquest and ordered an autopsy be completed. The autopsy will be performed at the Southwestern Institute of Forensic (Dallas County Medical Examiner’s Office) in Dallas.

The inmate is identified as 32 year old Randall Lamont Britton. Mr. Britton was booked into Smith County Jail on August 8, 2014 at 3:21 p.m. and was charged with murder and tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent impair human corpse. Total bond was $750,000.00.

Mr. Britton had last been checked at 4:04 p.m. and 4:47 p.m. and was observed to be in his cell and alert. During feeding at 5:25 he was observed to be unresponsive by a Smith County Sheriff’s Detention Officer.