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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-1382-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/22/2020 11:16 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Jackson County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	411 North Wells, RM 201
Agency City:	Edna	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77957		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	A J 'Andy'
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Louderback		
Reporter Name:	James B Omecinski	Reporter Email:	j.omecinski@co.jackson.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Robert

Middle Name: Michael

Last Name: Brinton

Suffix: Mr

Date of Birth: 9/17/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/31/2018 11:02 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/25/2018 5:23 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:

Liver Cirrhosis, Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic

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: 1013 S Wells St.
City: Edna
County: Jackson
Zip: 77957

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Jackson County Hospital ER

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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?: 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:

Injury to Child (Intentionally & Knowingly)

Offense 2:

Injury to Child (Recklessly)

Offense 3:

Bail Jumping / Failure to Appear

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?:	Unknown

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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs; Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

1) On Monday, 12/24/2018 at approximately 23:20hrs, while I, Sgt.Timberlake was passing out bedtime medication to cell 116, inmate Brinton came to the door for his medication where I, Sgt.Timberlake observed a mark on his left forearm that appeared to be a bruise. When I, Sgt.Timberlake asked what happened, inmate Brinton said "nothing" but his words sounded slurred.

2) I, Sgt.Timberlake called Correction Officer Sless to cell 116 and we brought inmate Brinton to the infirmary to talk with him and check his vitals. I, Sgt.Timberlake nor Correction Office Sless were unable to get a blood pressure check and when I, Sgt.Timberlake asked if he had eaten anything recently he stated at 6 PM and had 1 1/2 sandwiches with beans.

3) I, Sgt.Timberlake tried to prick his finger to see what his sugar was and his fingers were cold to the touch and white. I, Sgt.Timberlake was unable to get any blood to test. Correction Officer Sless also pricked his

finger but was also unsuccessful.

4) At approximately 23:27hrs, Correction Officer R. Kovar notified dispatch to page Jackson County EMS to the jail.

5) At approximately 23:31hrs, Jackson County EMS arrived to the jail.

6) Jackson County EMS checked inmate Brinton's sugar and stated that it was 106. Inmate Brinton stated he felt weak. I, Sgt.Timberlake told EMS Tech Phyllis Elmor, that I was concerned about his color (he looked like he had a yellow tint to his skin and eyes.)

7) EMS then questioned inmate Brinton to see if he had hepatitis. Inmate Brinton stated yes. EMS asked what type of hepatitis. He stated C.

8) EMS advised us that hepatitis can cause jaundice and that they can't do anything further for him that he would have to be seen by a doctor.

9) I, Sgt.Timberlake asked EMS if he should take him to see a doctor tonight and Phyllis stated I would.

10) At approximately 23:50hrs, I, Sgt.Timberlake transported inmate Brinton to the Jackson County Hospital ER via jail vehicle.

11) Once we arrived at the hospital, inmate Brinton attempted to get out of the vehicle and stated he couldn't stand up he was weak.

12) I, Sgt.Timberlake phoned Correction Officer Kovar (using my cell phone) to call the ER to see if someone would bring a wheelchair out.

13) After 4 or 5 minutes, no one came out to assist, so I, Sgt.Timberlake called dispatch and asked if she could send someone to assist me.

14) At approximately 00:03hrs, Edna PD Officer Tipton and Besler arrived, went into the ER and brought a wheelchair out.

15) Inmate Brinton was assisted on to the wheelchair and brought into the ER. At that time, Inmate Brinton appeared weak but speaking with me.

16) Once I, Sgt.Timberlake arrived at the check in-desk, I gave a copy of the booking sheet with the inmate's information on it for them to check him in.

17) The front desk Receptionist asked what he (inmate Brinton) was being seen for and I, Sgt.Timberlake told her that he was complaining of weakness and that he looked jaundice to me.

18) Jackson County Hospital ER personnel immediately brought inmate Brinton to the back exam room and started asking him questions about his medical history and current complaints.

19) One of the ER nurses that was inspecting his body and asking him if he had gotten into a fight or if someone hurt him because she noticed a bruise of some sort on his right side of his stomach. He stated No.

20) I, Sgt.Timberlake showed the ER nurse the mark on his left forearm. ER personnel did blood work/test, and x-rays.

21) The on call Jackson County Hospital ER Doctor advised me (Sgt. Timberlake) that Inmate Brinton has cirrhosis of the liver, and has septic arthritis.

22) The ER Doctor also stated that due to those two factors, it was causing him to have cardiac problems.

23) The ER Doctor also stated he will have inmate Brinton transported to another hospital but he was uncertain where.

24) I, Sgt.Timberlake heard an ER nurse call Citizens Medical Center (Victoria, Texas) and Detar (Victoria, Texas) on the phone. She stated that she couldn't get him in either one and was going to start calling hospitals in Sugarland, Texas.

25) The ER Doctor also advised me (Sgt. Timberlake) that he may not make it the next few days with his condition.

26) At approximately 02:07hrs, I notified Cpt. Jim Omecinski via cell phone of the situation. He stated he was going to notify Chief Deputy Rick Boone and call me back.

27) At approximately 02:26hrs, Cpt. Omecinski called me back and advised me that Chief Deputy Boone authorized a PR Bond.

28) Correction Officer Sless arrived at the hospital with release paperwork and PR bonds for inmate Brinton.

29) I, Sgt. Timberlake explained to inmate Brinton that we were going to release him from custody on a PR bond. At first he was hesitant that he had no where to go then the ER Doctor started to explain to him that he would be in the hospital for a while.

30) Inmate Brinton signed the PR Bonds and his release paperwork.

31) After Inmate Brinton completed our paper work, the ER nursing staff proceeded to drawing more blood from him on inmate's right arm, so he signed with his left as I held the papers up for him to see.

32)Inmate Brinton was coherent and seemed to understand what was going on.

33) At approximately 03:20hrs, I, Sgt. Timberlake arrive back to the Jackson County Jail where I completed my assigned shift.