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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-197-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/17/2018 9:55 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Ochiltree County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	21 SE 6th St.
Agency City:	Perryton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79070		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Terry
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Bouchard		
Reporter Name:	Terry Bouchard	Reporter Email:	txsheriff@ochiltree.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Zachary

Middle Name: Keen

Last Name: Brown

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/6/1998 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 19

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/20/2018 11:59 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/23/2018 1:05 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of Methamphetamine Ingestion

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

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

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?:	Deceased developed condition after admission

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

TX Hgwy 15, 1/8

Street Address:	Mile East of TX Loop 143	City:	Perryton
County:	Ochiltree	Zip:	79070

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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 - holding 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: 3/21/2018 1:20 AM

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:

Possession Controlled Substance PG1>1g<=4g

Offense 2:

Unlawfully Carrying Weapon (Firearm)

Offense 3:

Possession Marijuana<2oz

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?:	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 03/20/2018, at approximately 2359 pm, Zachary Keen Brown, w/m, 12/06/1998, was stopped by the Ochiltree County Sheriff's Office for a traffic violation. As a result of the stop, Mr. Brown was subsequently arrested for: Possession of a Controlled Substance Pg1>1g<=4g, Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon, Possession of Marijuana<2oz, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Mr. Brown was booked into the Ochiltree County Jail on 03/21/2018, for the above-mentioned charges at approximately 0120 am. After the booking process was completed, Mr. Brown was placed in a holding cell at approximately 0237am. Mr. Brown was checked by corrections officers numerous times after being placed into the holding cell.

At approximately 0640 am, corrections officers heard a noise resembling a mat hitting the floor. The corrections officers went to investigate and discovered Mr. Brown was standing at the cell door asking for some water. Corrections officers noticed that Mr. Brown was acting different than he had been throughout the night and asked him what was wrong. He stated he was having anxiety and asked for some water. Although the holding cell is equipped with a water fountain, they provided him with a cup of water. The Corrections officers removed him, from the cell to determine if medical assistance was needed.

Mr. Brown's condition continued to worsen, and an ambulance was called at 0641am. While waiting for the ambulance, the corrections officer asked Mr. Brown if he had taken anything prior to his arrest. Mr. Brown stated that he had swallowed a fifty of coke. By this time Mr. Brown's speech had deteriorated, and he was very difficult to understand, and his actions indicated that he was in need of medical attention. He had removed his shirt and was experiencing what appeared to be a drug overdose.

Perryton EMS arrived at 0646 and correction officers informed EMS that Mr. Brown had ingested a "50 of cocaine." EMS attempted to calm Mr. Brown down, but were having difficulties keeping him calm enough to treat due to his constant movement. He could not remain in any position for more than a few seconds. They administered Narcan Spray and transported him to Ochiltree General Hospital ("OGH"). Once at OGH, medical personnel immediately began treatment on Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown's medical condition continued to destabilize, and he developed a fever of 106.6 F, during their

treatment. By this time, Mr. Brown was no longer breathing on his own, and was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital (“NWTH”) in Amarillo. Mr. Brown’s medical treatment continued at NWTH. He remained on life support at NWTH until his death on 03/23/2018 at 1305 pm.

An autopsy was ordered by Potter County Justice of the Peace, Judge Richard Herman. This was performed on 03/27/2018 at South Plains Forensic Pathology in Lubbock, TX. During the Autopsy, a small square plastic baggie, commonly used for packaging drugs, was recovered from the stomach of Mr. Brown. At present, toxicological tests and cause of death are pending.

The Texas Rangers were notified of the incident and are conducting an investigation.