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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-260-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/9/2019 8:18 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1400 S. Lamar Street
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75215		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Other	Director First Name:	Christina
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Smith		
Reporter Name:	Earnest Merritt	Reporter Email:	e.merritt@dpd.dallascityhall.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name: O

Last Name: Newton

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/25/1968 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/8/2018 7:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/4/2018 8:40 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:

Died as a result of the toxic effect of methamphetamine. It is the M.E. further opinion that these effects were compounded by hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and physiologic stress associated with a struggle. Due to the decedents survival interval, the toxicology ruling is based on the hospital drug screen.

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?: 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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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?

Street Address:	10200 Ferguson Road	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75228

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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: 3/8/2018 8:30 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:

APOWW

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

APOWW

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?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On March 8, 2018, Northeast officers answered a call regarding the subject standing in the middle of the street. When officers arrived, they encountered the subject and were forced to physically restrain him. Officers called an assist, and when cover arrived, they were able to place the subject in custody. The subject was placed in the squad car, but refused to sit up, and laid on his stomach. Initially the subject was cleared by DFR, then became unresponsive. DFR started CPR and transported him to Doctors Hospital. The subject’s pulse returned and he was admitted to the hospital where he received treatment. The nursing staff told the watch commander the subject was doing fine. SIU was notified at the time and provided instructions to preserve all video and document the encounter.

On April 5, 2018, SIU was notified the subject had died. A Death in Custody investigation has been initiated. All police video has been recovered and is being reviewed. The DA’s office and IAD were notified of the incident. This investigation is ongoing. At this point SIU is waiting for the Medical Examiner to gather more information regarding the subjects stay in the hospital. Officers did not use a TASER and the subject did not appear to have any injuries.