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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-370-MJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/10/2019 2:50 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Mesquite Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 850137
Agency City:	Mesquite	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75149		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Charles
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cato		
Reporter Name:	Michael Parker	Reporter Email:	mparker@mesquitepolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Scott

Middle Name: Ronald

Last Name: Paschall

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/12/1962 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/13/2018 7:08 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/13/2018 10:09 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:

Toxic results of methamphetamine

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

777 North Galloway

Street Address:	Avenue	City:	Mesquite
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75149

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:	Municipal 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:	5/13/2018 7:20 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:

Traffic warrants

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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:

Class C traffic warrants

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:	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:

The Decedent was arrested on a traffic stop for outstanding warrants. He was fully cooperative during the arrest and was handcuffed and placed into the backseat of a police vehicle. Upon arrival at the jail the Decedent was booked in. During the medical screening portion of the book-in process the Decedent advised jail staff that he was not sick or injured. He advised he had a heart condition for which he took medication, and that he was a diabetic. After the initial screening the Decedent was placed into a holding cell to await the arresting officer's completion of the arrest report. Upon the officer's completion of the report, detention staff returned to the holding cell at 8:52 PM to take the Decedent to be fingerprinted and photographed. The Decedent was discovered to be unresponsive with no pulse. Mesquite FD paramedics were dispatched at 8:54 PM and arrived at 8:59PM. The Decedent was transported to Dallas Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 10:09 PM.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner ruled that the death was accidental due to the toxic effects of methamphetamine.