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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	2/12/2019 11:20 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rodney

Middle Name: Oneal

Last Name: Williams

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/10/1965

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/8/2018 3:58 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/3/2018 9:23 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:

Waterhouse-Friderichsen syndrome, 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:	111 W. Commerce St.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	
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?: 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:

Theft Prop<$2500 2/More Prev Conv

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: Crime Against Property

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	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 August 3rd 2018, at approximately 4:21 p.m., Dallas County Inmate Williams, Rodney Oneal B/M 06/10/1965 (53 yoa) informed Detention Service Officer K. Harris #8933 that he was not feeling well. DSO Harris contacted the South Tower - 1st Floor Nurse's Station and informed medical staff of Williams' situation. Parkland Jail Health - LVN David Marcus recommended that Williams' continue to take his medication.
At approximately 7:10 p.m., DSO Harris contacted the nurse's station again and informed medical staff of Williams' situation. Parkland Jail Health - LVN Kelechi Nwazue recommended that Williams' continue his medication and place a sick call so he could be seen by a medical provider.
At approximately 7:25 p.m., DSO Harris contacted the Rapid Assessment Team Nurse number and informed medical staff of Williams' situation. After reviewing Williams' medical chart, Parkland Jail Health - Nurse Nekol Hatley informed DSO Harris that Williams had seen a doctor and that it takes more than 48 hours for the medication to take effect. She also stated that if Williams needed to see a doctor again, he needed to place another sick call.
At approximately 7:31 p.m., Parkland Jail Health - Licensed vocational Nurse Kelechi Nwazue entered South Tower - Tank KT - 1A to pass out medication. DSO Harris informed Nurse Nwazue of Williams' situation. Nurse Nwazue instructed Williams to take his medication and later called Nurse Hatley, so she could obtain vitals.
At approximately 7:50 p.m., Williams went to the South Tower - 1st Floor Nurse's Station. While being evaluated, Williams requested to use the restroom. After a brief moment in the restroom, DSO S. Horn #9211 heard a "thump" and entered to check on Williams. DSO Horn observed Williams on the floor and unresponsive.
Nurse Nekol began chest compressions and requested Detention Service Manager (DSM) J. Eiben #6584 to call 911. Dallas Fire Rescue arrived on scene and transported Williams to Parkland Memorial Hospital. At approximately 9:23 p.m., Williams was pronounced deceased at Parkland Memorial Hospital by Dr. K. White. Williams' body was released to the Dallas County Medical Examiners Office. Pending Autopsy Report.
DSO Service #18-085080, ME IFS#18-14379.
FINDINGS:
1, Waterhouse-Friderichsen syndrome:
a. Bilateral adrenal hemorrhage.
b. Blood culture positive for Steptococcus pneumoniae.

c. Purpura of trunk and extremities.
d. Hepatic necrosis.
2, Hypertensive cardiovascular disease:
a. Cardiomegaly (490 grams).
b. Arterio-and arteriolenephrosclerosis.
3. Attempted resuscitation.
4. By histor, the decedent was an inmate who became unresponsive on a toilet. He had recent complaints of stomach pain, cold symptoms, and restlessness.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Rodney O'neil Williams, a 53-year-old black male, died as a result of Waterhouse-Friderichsen syndrome associated with Steptococcus pneumoniae sepsis.

MANNER OF DEATH: NATURAL

Emily Ogden, M.D.
Medical Examiner