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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-840-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/27/2018 4:26 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Potter County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	13103 NE 29th
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79111		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Brian
Director Middle Name:	L.		
Director Last Name:	Thomas		
Reporter Name:	Kristy Phillips	Reporter Email:	sokdp@co.potter.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Bernard

Middle Name: Louis

Last Name: Patt

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/14/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/29/2018 10:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/29/2018 10:30 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Assault and cervical spine cord injury

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Bilateral Pulmonary Thromboembolism

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?: Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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?: Unknown

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?

Street Address:	1501 South Coulter	City:	Amarillo
County:	Potter	Zip:	79106

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Northwest Texas Hospital

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: 8/29/2018 10:30 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:

Assault Family Member Impede Breath

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons

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?:	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 8/29/18, Patt, Bernard Louis, Jr., black male, dob 05/14/1980 was arrested by Amarillo Police Department at Northwest Texas Hospital where he had been treated for the following: doctors notes reflect closed reduction of nasal fracture and nasal septal, perforation and repair of nasal laceration, fusion of the spine cervical anterior and discect, discectomy and fustion C3-4, C4-5, C5-6. Diagnosis at discharge reflect acute weakness, assault, central cord syndrome closed fracture of nasal bone, constipation, herniated cervical disc, methamphetamine abuse, nasal laceration, unspecified protein/calorie malnutrition, victim assault.
On 9/6/18 at approximately 1600 hrs, Patt, Bernard Louis Jr, was taken to the medical trauma room unresponsive. Emergency care was administered by Potter County Detention Medical staff until the Amarillo ambulance and Amarillo fire rescue arrived to transport him to Northwest Texas Hospital. During the trip he continued to receive life saving treatment. Upon arrival at Northwest Texas Hospital, Doctor Babb, the Northwest Texas Hospital Emergency Room physician and emergency room staff continued life saving treatment until he was pronounced deceased at 1650, 9/6/2018.