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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-977-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/23/2019 10:48 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: Ricky

Middle Name: Ray

Last Name: Alvis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/26/1957 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/1/2018 2:52 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/29/2018 6:26 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:

Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Ricky Ray Alvis, a 61-year-old white male, died as the result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic 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 - 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:

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?: 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:

Aggravated Sexual Assault of Elderly/Disabled

Offense 2:

Sex Offenders Duty to Register Life/Annually

Offense 3:

Disorderly Conduct - Class C Ticket (DPD)

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):	Unknown	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?:	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 September 29th 2018, at approximately 5:35 p.m., Detention Service Officer J. Haywood #8493, observed Dallas County Inmate Alvis, Ricky Ray W/M 04/26/1957 unresponsive in his tank, West Tower - 3P1 - cell "B" (a single cell), during feeding time. "Inmate down" was called over the jail radio and Parkland Jail Health Nurses responded to the tank. While medical staff attempted to resuscitate the inmate, the Dallas County Sheriff - Communication Section was contacted and an ambulance was requested. The inmate was escorted to Parkland Memorial Hospital by DSO C. Minor #9099 in Dallas Fire Rescue - Ambulance #45. At approximately 6:26 p.m., Alvis was pronounced deceased at Parkland Memorial Hospital by Dr. C. Mackey. On October 2nd 2018, an autopsy was performed at the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. The results are currently pending (toxicology). The custodial death will be investigated by DA Investigator T. Lenoir with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. DSO srv #18-106088. Dallas County Medical Examiner ISF#18-17946.

Findings: Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease:
Clinical history of ethanol abuse.
Clinical history of anxiety and bipolar disorder.
Clinical history of tobacco cigarette smoking.
Per report, the decedent was found unresponsive with cardiopulmonary arrest in his single occupant jail cell
CONCLUSIONS: Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Rick Ray Alvis, a 61-year-old white male, died as the result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.
MANNER OF DEATH: Natural
Jessica B. Dwyer, M.D.
Medical Examiner. 10/30/2018.