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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-1201-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/10/2022 12:13 PM	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:	Youashavion Williams	Reporter Email:	yowilliams@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Robert

Middle Name: Charles

Last Name: Nickerson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/14/1961 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 58

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/12/2019 12:34 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/30/2019 1:23 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:

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 Street	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:	2/11/2019 6:11 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Assault EMS Personnel

Offense 2:

Assault Causes Bodily Injury

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?: Unknown

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?:	Unknown	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	Unknown
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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 February 11, 2019 at approximately 6:11 p.m., Dallas County Inmate was Nickerson, Robert Charles W/M 07/14/1961 was booked into Dallas County Jail by Methodist Hospital Police for the charges of Assault EMS Personnel and Assault Causes Bodily Injury. On February 12, 2019, Inmate Nickerson was transferred to Gill-Hernandez unit N0106 for Behavior Observation; Suicidal.

On September 30, 2019, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Inmate Nickerson was observed in his cell eating lunch. At approximately 11:45 a.m., clean up was made by officers and an face to face round was made by the officers assigned to the area. Again at 12:16 p.m., another round was made by the officer Castillo #7097, where he observed inmate Nickerson laying on his bunk asleep and breathing.

At approximately 12:44 p.m., another round was made. Inmate Nickerson was not responding to the officers taps on the door, and appeared not to be breathing. Officers entered the cell, attempted to wake him but was unseccessful. Officers immediately called for medical assistance.

At approximately 1:03 p.m., Dallas Fire Rescue unit 18 arrived and administered medical care. At approximately 1:23 p.m., Dr. Benetiz pronounced Nickerson deceased via phone.

On October 1, 2019, an external examination was performed by the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. The manner and cause of death is still pending. The lead investigating agency is the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.

Dallas Sheriff Office Service number 19-094532
Dallas County Medical Examiner IFS 19-17656

Office of the Medical Examiner
Autopsy Report.

CONCLUSIONS: Based on the available case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Robert Charles Nickerson, a 58-year-old white male, died as a result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease in the setting of acute on chronic pyelonephritis.

MANNER OF DEATH: Natural

Grant W. Herndon, D.O.
Medical Examiner
11-21-2019