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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-1322-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/16/2019 10:46 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hunt County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	2801 Stuart St.
Agency City:	Greenville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75401		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Randy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Meeks		
Reporter Name:	Roger Seals	Reporter Email:	rseals@huntcounty.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mark

Middle Name: Steven

Last Name: King

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 4/10/1975 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/9/2019 12:40 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/11/2019 5:45 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Pending autopsy

Manner of Death: results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending toxicology

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: No

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?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

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:	2801 Stuart Street	City:	Greenville
County:	Hunt	Zip:	75401

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:	12/9/2019 12:40 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Dead on arrival at 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:

Resisting Arrest Search or Transport

Offense 2:

Assault by Contact FV Class C

Offense 3:

Public Intoxication

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:

Assault by Contact FV Class C

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes
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:

Mark King was brought to the Hunt County Jail by the West Tawakoni Police Department on 12/09/2019. West Tawakoni Officer advised he believed King was suicidal so King was placed on suicide watch. King was seen by Transicare on 12/09/2019. Transicare advised to move King to observation. At 5:10pm a cell check was done and King was standing at the door of his cell (Observation # 263). At 5:17 pm, Officer Moody was checking on another inmate in the cell next to King. Officer Moody went into the cell to check on King and found him unresponsive. A Code Blue call was put out and emergency life saving measures were taken by jail staff. AMR arrived and transported King to Hunt Regional Medical Center.

Sgt. Lunsford stated approximately thirty minutes before the Code Blue call he was standing at the door speaking with King. Sgt. Lunsford advised King was asking him who the lady in the trash can was. Sgt. Lunsford stated there was no one in the area that King was talking about.

Sgt. Lunsford also advised that King had been taken to court on this date, however he was brought back to the jail due to the fact he believed he was seeing his mother and brother at the courthouse. Sgt. Lunsford advised the individuals King believed he was seeing were not present at the courthouse.

Medical Examiner did advise there was no trauma to King's body that would have caused his death, results are pending toxicology.