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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-1424-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/17/2020 3:49 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Grayson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 S. Crockett
Agency City:	Sherman	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75090		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Thomas
Director Middle Name:	E.		
Director Last Name:	Watt		
Reporter Name:	Harvey Smitherman	Reporter Email:	smithermanh@co.grayson.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lonnie

Middle Name:

Last Name: Morrison

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 9/23/1934 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 85

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/30/2019 3:43 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/30/2019 4:35 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 disease

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

Medical Treatment:	Yes

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?:	Pre-existing medical condition

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:	200 South Crockett	City:	Sherman
County:	Sherman	Zip:	75090

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:	12/5/2019 2:30 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Scene of incident

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:

MAN DEL CS PG 1>=4G <200G

Offense 2:

MAN DEL CS PG 3/4 >=28G<200G

Offense 3:

BOND REVOKE/COUNT 1 POSS CS PG 3/4 >=28G< 200G W/INT. DEL

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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 Monday, 12-30-2019, at approximately 3:43 p.m., Lonnie Morrison, Jr., W/M, DOB: 09-23-1934, was found unresponsive inside his single occupant, ADA approved cell at the Grayson County Jail by a Correctional Officer. Life saving measures were immediately applied to Morrison by Correctional Officers and jail medical staff. Morrison was transported to a hospital in Sherman by the Sherman Fire Department. CPR was continuous from the Grayson County Jail to the hospital. Once at the hospital, life saving measures were continued unit the Emergency Room physician called time of death at 4:35 p.m. Per Grayson County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) policy, the Texas Rangers were requested to conduct a custodial death investigation. Texas Ranger Brad Oliver conducted said investigation (Texas Ranger Division File #2019I-TRB-50049164). Ranger Oliver responded to the hospital and inspected and photographed Morrison's body, noting the absent of any trauma or apparent abuse to the body. Morrison was transported to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. Ranger Oliver went to the Grayson Jail and conferred with the Command Staff in the jail. Ranger Oliver reviewed video footage of the hallway where Morrison's was housed and observed the assigned Correctional Officer conducting the required visual inspection of Morrison, and other inmates housed on the hallway, every 20 minutes as outlined by Texas Jail Standards. The video documented the resourced utilized during the life saving measures administered to Morrison my jail personnel. Ranger Oliver obtained and reviewed the medical records for Morrison which were retained by the jail. These documents indicated Morrison had diabetes, COPD and had colon cancer in the past. The medical staff at the jail had ordered Morrison to be removed from his bed three times a day to combat a bed sore developing on his right leg. Morrison had refused to get out of bed in the past. Ranger Oliver reviewed written statements from the Correctional Officers assigned to the area or assisted with the lifesaving measures provided to Morrison. Ranger Oliver visual inspected Morrison's cell, noting no evidentiary items. On 12-31-2019, Ranger Oliver attended the Morrison's autopsy, which indicated Morrison had not been assaulted or abused. The autopsy revealed Morrison had an enlarged heart and had possible suffered from previous heart attacks. The complete autopsy is pending.

02/17/2020- Autopsy reports completed- cause of death is Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease