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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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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: Steven

Middle Name: Ryan

Last Name: Roberts

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/23/1990 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/4/2018 8:50 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/18/2019 5:31 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Toxic effects of heroin

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 person(s) caused the 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?:	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:	Drug overdose

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	10/4/2018 8:50 PM

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:

Agg assault public servant x 4

Offense 2:

P/V Agg Assault Public Servant x 2

Offense 3:

Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle

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?:	Yes
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

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 March 18th 2019, at approximately 4:40 a.m., Dallas County Detention Service Officers J. Swanson #8744 and E. Hernandez #8983 were feeding inmates in the North Tower Jail Facility - Tank 2W3. Detention Officers were alerted by several inmates within the tank that an inmate was laying on his bunk, unresponsive.

Detention Officers entered the tank and observed an inmate, later identified by armband a Roberts, Steven W/M 05/23/1990 BNO#18050702, laying on his back, unresponsive. Office back-up and Dallas County Jail Health Medical Staff were requested over the jail radio.

Dallas County Sheriff - Detention Service Supervisor D. Elder #3488. Parkland Hospital - Dallas County Jail Health Nurse Practioner S. Chacko, Registered Nurse I. Akere, Registered Nurse C. Adeshina, registered Nurse P. Guchil, Licensed Vocational Nurse C. Sanders, Licensed Vocational Nurse R. Chewning responded the call. Medical staff performed CPR on Inmate Roberts and determined that he needed to be transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital.

At approximately 5:01 a.m., Dallas Fire Rescue #45 transported Inmate Roberts to Parkland Hospital and was escorted by Detention Service Officer D. Pierce #8758. At approximately 5:31 a.m., Inmate Roberts was pronounced deceased by Dr. Carlos Trigo.

Dallas County Sheriff's Department Service #19-029451
Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office IFS #19-5329.

Based upon the Autopsy Report generated by the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas:

FINDINGS:

1. Toxic effects of heroin:
a. Postmortem urine and blood positive for heroin metabolites (See Toxicology).
b. Pulmonary edema.

2. Obesity
a. Body mass index: 39.6 kg/m2.

b. Hepatomegaly (4070 grams) with severe hepatic steatosis.

3. Cardiomegaly (510 grams) with globoid configuration and concentric left ventricular hypertrophy.

4. Probe patent foramen ovale.

5. Postmortem viral serology panel is negative.

6. No evidence of trauma.

7. Attempted resuscitation.

8. By history, the decedent was found unresponsive in his jail bunk with a foamy fluid emanating from his nose and mouth. He was transported to the hospital where he expired.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is our opinion that Steven Ryan Roberts, a 28-year-old white male, died as a result of toxic effects of heroin.

MANNER OF DEATH:

Accident

Shannon Crook, M.D., Pathologist
Jeffrey J. Barnard, M.D., Director and Chief Medical Examiner