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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-536-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/2/2020 6:48 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:	Jerry Cox	Reporter Email:	jcox@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Dennis

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Davis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/24/1959 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 59

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/10/2019 9:07 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/10/2019 10:26 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease - Natural.

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 - 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:	5/3/2019 11:01 AM

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?:	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:

Bond Forfeiture / Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more

Offense 2:

Bond Forfeiture / Resisting Arrest or Transport

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: 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?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault		Gain possession of officer's	

officer(s):	No	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 May 3rd 2019 at approximately 11:01 a.m., Dennis Wayne Davis W/M 11/24/1959 (Decedent) was booked into the Dallas County Jail by the Dallas County Constables Office Pct. 1. The Constables Office served an eviction on the Decedent at 121 E. 7th St, Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas, 75146. The Decedent had an active warrant for his arrest for Bond Forfeiture / Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more. The Decedent was placed General Population and classified as minimum custody.

On May 10th 2019 at shortly after 9:00 a.m., the Decedent was assigned in Inmate Housing location KT 02-H. Inmate Housing location KT 02-H is a multiple occupant, direct supervision housing location, containing a day room and 64 individual bunks total on a split level floorplan with two (2) 2 person metal bunk beds. The Decedent was assigned to a top bunk on the upper level. The Decedent was in his bunk still sleeping from the previous night.

At approximately 9:05 a.m., Dallas County Jail Inmate Samuel Cordoba H/M 8-4-85 (Witness) was in the bunk next to and attached to the Decedents bunk. Witness Cordoba observed the Decedent begin to start snoring louder than usual and that his breathing became erratic. Witness Cordoba attempted to wake the Decedent, however the Decedent was unresponsive. Witness Cordoba then observed the Decedent's face begin to turn red and had his eyes open. Witness Cordoba requested the direct supervision officer to check on the Decedent.

Dallas County Sheriff's Detention Service Officer (DSO) C. Johnson #6321 responded to the bunk and attempted to wake the Decedent but was unsuccessful. Additional Officers and medical personnel responded to the scene. Dallas Fire Rescue (DFR) #18 responded to the Dallas County Jail, arriving at 9:26 a.m. DFR #18 transported the Decedent to Parkland Memorial Hospital (PMH) with CPR progress at 9:36 a.m.

Dallas County Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Section Detectives J.M. Cox #435 and D. Crear #668 responded to PMH for a follow-up and was advised that the Decedent had been pronounced deceased by Dr. A. Pandey at PMH ER room L-3 at 10:26 a.m. PMH Registered Nurse Ashley Burris notified the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office of the death at 11:13 a.m. under ME case number IFS-19-08839-M.E. On May 12th 2019 at 2:37 p.m., the decedent was transported to the M.E.'s office at the Southwest Institute of forensic Science for an autopsy. This death is being investigated by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the Dallas County Sheriff's Department under DSO service number 19-047810.

On July 4th 2019, the Dallas County Medical Examiners Office completed the death investigation and submitted an autopsy report signed by Stephen M. Lenfest, M.D., Medical Examiner. The conclusion stated,

"Based on the history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Dennis Wayne Davis, a 59-year-old male, died as a result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Obesity contributed to the death." The manner of death was reported as natural.