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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-818-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/27/2019 10:37 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Polk County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1733 N. Washington
Agency City:	Livingston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77351		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief Deputy	Director First Name:	Byron
Director Middle Name:	A		
Director Last Name:	Lyons		
Reporter Name:	William Jerry	Reporter Email:	wjerry@polkcountyso.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Susan

Middle Name: Elaine

Last Name: Williams

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/2/1958 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 60

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/22/2019 7:57 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/30/2019 9:23 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:

Right coronary artery thrombosis associated with atherosclerotic and hypertensive 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:	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?:	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:	1733 N. Washington Ave.	City:	Livingston
County:	Polk	Zip:	77351

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:	5/22/2019 7:57 AM

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?: 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:

Resist Arrest Search or Transport

Offense 2:

Assault by Contact

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?: 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 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 May 30, 2019 at approximately 0845 hours, Officer D. Hickman was conducting security rounds of the segregation area. Officer Hickman arrived at cell 213 and observed Susan Williams sitting on her bunk slumped over to her left side unresponsive. Officer Hickman also observed William's facial area to be blue in color. Officer Hickman summoned Officer R. Bowen to the cell and she observed the same. Officer Bowen requested additional staff and medical/Emergency Medical Services to cell 213. Officer Bowen and Officer Hickman entered the cell and laid Ms. Williams flat down on the bunk. Ms. Williams was unresponsive and appeared not to be breathing. Sgt. L. Dawson and Officer B. White arrived at the cell. Sgt. Dawson instructed Officer Bowen and Officer White to place Ms. Williams on the floor and initiate CPR. Officer White began chest compressions. At 0848 hours Lt. W. Jerry arrived at the cell with AED and a one way breathing mask. Officer White applied the chest pads, the AED stated to continue with chest compressions. Both Officer White and Officer Bowen conducted CPR on Susan Williams. At approximately 0852 hours, EMS arrived and relieved Officer White and Officer Bowen and continued life-saving techniques. Ms. Williams was then lifted onto a gurney and taken to the Sally Port while life-saving techniques continued. Cell 213 was secured to preserve as a crime scene. Lt. Jerry contacted Sheriff K. Hammack and Chief B. Lyons and informed them of the situation. At approximately 0904 hours, Ms. Williams was transported via ambulance to CHI Hospital in Livingston, Texas. At approximately 0908 hours the ambulance arrived at the hospital and life-saving techniques continued. At approximately 0923 hours, Dr. Nguyn pronounced Ms. Williams deceased. The on-call Justice of the Peace, Judge D. Longino was contacted by phone and informed of the death of Susan Williams. The cause of death was determined by the Harris County Medical Examiner and Texas Rangers Company A will be conducting the In Custody Death investigation.