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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	3/2/2020 9:45 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Wilson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	800 Tenth St.
Agency City:	Floresville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78114		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Joe
Director Middle Name:	D		
Director Last Name:	Tackitt, Jr.		
Reporter Name:	Stephen Moore	Reporter Email:	smoore@wilsoncountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: George

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Townsend

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/23/1964 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/3/2019 7:34 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/3/2019 8:28 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: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

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George Edward Townsend died as a result of complications of methamphetamine toxicity with terminal physical struggle. Contributory to death is cardiomyopathy.

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	800 10th St.	City:	Floresville
County:	Wilson	Zip:	78114

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:	Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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:	8/3/2019 7:36 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:

Resisting Arrest

Offense 2:

Public Intoxication

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::	Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense:	Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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 law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	Unknown

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 standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs; Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On 8/3/2019 Floresville Police Department Officer Barrientes arrested a male subject at Walmart in Floresville Texas. The call for service was for a male subject that had run into the Walmart near the fitting rooms and was on the ground shaking saying someone was going to shoot him. One of the complainants said the male subject was hallucinating. FPD arrived and took the male into custody. The male subject was transported to the WCSO jail and arrived at 7:36 pm. The male subject refused to get out of the police unit. Sgt. R. Davis, Cpl. S. Damiani and C/O K. Trevino assisted Off. Barrientes remove the male subject out of the patrol unit. The male subject was resisting and kicking at the officer. Cpl. Damiani drive stunned the male subject in the left thigh. The male subject settled down for a minute and Sgt. Davis and C/O Trevino were able to carry the subject into the jail past the V3 door. The male subject started resisting again by kicking out at the officers. The male subject and C/O Trevino and Sgt. Davis went to the floor. The subject was handcuffed in front. C/O Trevino went and retrieved a set of leg restraints. The male subject continued to kick out at officers. To gain

compliance, Cpl. Damiani drive stunned the male subject on the right thigh. Sgt. Davis got on top of the male subject trying to stop him from moving while the leg restraints were placed. Sgt. Davis had his left arm under the male subject's right arm holding it in place. After the subject was drive stunned, the male subject was carried toward the S-3 cell. When they reached the interior door They place the male subject on the ground due to the subject no longer moving. The male subject was breathing and had a pulse. The wheelchair was retrieved and the subject was sat in it. The male subject was wheeled into the S-3 cell. Cpl. Damiani checked the male subject again. The subject wouldn't respond to painful stimuli. Sgt. Davis went to inform FPD Sgt. Keen the male subject needed to be taken to CMMC for medical clearance. A stethoscope was retrieved. Both Sgt. Davis and Cpl. Damiani checked the male subject and found no pulse. CPR was administered and EMS contacted. EMS arrived and transported the male subject to CMMC. The male was later pronounced deceased Damiani checked the male subject and found no pulse. CPR was administered and EMS contacted. EMS arrived and transported the male subject to CMMC. The male was later pronounced deceased at 8:28 pm. At the time of this report, the WCSO is awaiting the autopsy results. The deceased didn't have any identification on him and was not positively identified until the autopsy.