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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-1269-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/25/2020 3:42 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hood County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	400 Deputy Larry Miller Dr.
Agency City:	Granbury	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76048		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Roger
Director Middle Name:	E		
Director Last Name:	Deeds		
Reporter Name:	Eric Turbeville	Reporter Email:	eturbeville@co.hood.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Zhixin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Lai

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/26/1954

Sex: Male

Race: Asian or Pacific Islander

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/9/2018 1:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/21/2020 7:10 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:

Cardiac Arrest

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:	400 Deputy Larry Miller Dr	City:	Granbury
County:	Hood	Zip:	76048

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Death took place at Medical City Plaza Fort Worth Hospital

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: 8/9/2018 1:00 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?: 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:

Trafficking of Persons: Continuous

Offense 2:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Trafficking

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 04/18/2020 Mr. Lai had began hitting his cell door with a cup and officers responded. Once officers opened the door Mr. Lai attacked officers. Officers attempted to gain control and had to use necessary force to detain Mr. Lai. Mr. Lai was shot with a JPX pepper jail gun in the chest to gain compliance. Mr. Lai was immediately seen by medical staff Rachael Miller to insure he was okay. Mr. Lai was then placed in a holding cell to be monitored by staff and medical staff due to his unusual behavior. Medical staff Rachael Miller returned to the jail later that evening to check on Mr. Lai again. Mr. Lai was then monitored by staff and medical for the day of 04/19/2020.
On 04/20/2020 at 12:15PM I had the nurse go with me to check on Mr. Lai. Mr. Lai was awake but I could not get any information from him due to language barrier. At this time Nurse Georgetta Hudson checked Mr. Lai blood sugar which read 26. At 12:20PM we immediately gave Mr. Lai Glucagon 1mg in the right deltoid in hopes it would raise his sugar level. We then notified our Jail Doctor about this incident. At 12:46PM Sugar level was 46. At 1:20PM Sugar level was down to 34. At 1:30PM we notified our jail doctor and ordered to take him to the Emergency Room. Mr. Lai was in rout to the Emergency Room at 2:02PM. At 4:30PM we were notified that Mr. Lai had been intubated. At 5:40PM. Mr. Lai was flown to Medical City Plaza in Fort Worth.
On 04/21/2020 at 8:54AM The doctor at Medical City Plaza Fort Worth contacted our office and recommended that Mr. Lai be placed as DNR (Do not Resuscitate). She stated that doing further CPR would only make things worse as it was extremely damaging to his body. Due to Mr. Lai having no known contacts and every attempt was made to contact his son, the decision to allow medical staff to continue with their recommendation came from the Hood County Sheriff, Roger Deeds.
On 04/21/2020 at 7:09PM I was contacted by Medical City Plaza Nurse Kim that Mr. Lai had passed away. Medical City Plaza Hospital Doctor arrived and officially pronounced deceased on 04/21/2020 at 7:10PM. The ruling from the hospital was Cardiac Arrest. He had been under a doctors care for over 24 hours so no

autopsy was done and no family members are around to be contacted. His body was donated to UNT per Tarrant County protocols of no family members.