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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-1394-MJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/19/2021 10:39 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Rowlett Police Dept. c/o City of Rowlett	Agency Address:	4401 Rowlett Rd.
Agency City:	Rowlett	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75088		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Godfrey		
Reporter Name:	Michael Godfrey	Reporter Email:	mgodfrey@rowlett.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Anderson

Middle Name: Robert

Last Name: Howard

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/26/1995

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 25

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/9/2020 5:58 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/9/2020 6:04 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)

Alcohol/Drug

Manner of Death: Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Toxic effects of fentanyl and alprazolam.

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?: Decedent

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	4401 Rowlett Rd	City:	Rowlett
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75088

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:	Municipal 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:	10/9/2020 5:58 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:

Possession Controlled Substance Penalty Group 3 <2grams

Offense 2:

Possession Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2 >=1gram<4grams

Offense 3:

Driving While Intoxicated

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:	Alcohol / drug offense; Crime Against Property

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):	Yes	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:

Initial Contact/Arrest:
On 10/9/2020, at approximately 4:36am, Rowlett Police Officers were dispatched to 10010 Harmony Hill Ln, Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas, in reference to a driving while intoxicated event in progress. While Officers were enroute to the scene, Rowlett Police Dispatch advised the reporting party stated a driver of a large white in color box truck, with Ryder on the side, was stopped and the driver was unconscious. Upon arriving, Officers observed a white in color 2018 International box truck bearing Indiana LP# (2712613) with Ryder on the side, that was stopped in the parking lot (a public place with public access) of the apartment complex.

Officers approached the driver/suspect side door of the vehicle, where officers found the driver to be unconscious at the wheel. Officers woke the suspect with a loud slap to the door which caused the suspect to sit up. Officers had the suspect exit the vehicle to prevent the suspect from driving the vehicle from the location and causing an accident. When the suspect exited the vehicle, the suspect immediately used the truck for balance and swayed back and forth. The suspect also exhibited signs of intoxication with glassy eyes, slurred speech, and spoke with a thick tongue. Officers asked the suspect if he had consumed any alcoholic beverage but the suspect answered he did not drink. Officers then asked the suspect if he would conduct a Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) to which he stated he would. Before the start of the SFST's, Officers verbally identified the suspect.

Due to the signs of intoxication observed by Officers during the initial contact with the suspect and the clues from the SFSTs, Officers determined the suspect did not have the normal use of his mental and physical faculties by reason of the introduction of alcohol, a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, a combination of two or more of those substances, or any other substance into the body. Officers then placed the suspect under arrest and into handcuffs, that were double locked and checked for tightness, for violation of Texas Penal Code Section 49.04(a) Driving While Intoxicated Class B misdemeanor. After placing the suspect into the prisoner compartment of the patrol car, he was read the Statutory Warning and gave consent for his blood to be drawn.

While officers were speaking with the suspect, other officers were conducting an inventory of the vehicle when they located a tie-dyed colored bag with marijuana in a clear plastic bag and a second clear plastic bag with an unknown amount of white pills. Officers retrieved the bag and brought them to a patrol car for further

investigation. When officers opened the baggie with the white pill a third black plastic baggie was located containing nine orange in color pills with the symbol of "AD". Officers seized the marijuana and the pills for further identification and weights.

Officers then transported the suspect to a local hospital to have his blood drawn. Upon arriving at the hospital, the officer was met by a registered nurse who drew the blood from the suspect at 5:40 am. After the completion of the blood draw, Officers transported the suspect to the Rowlett City Jail for processing and booking procedures accordingly. Once at the jail, the suspect was remanded into the jail staff's custody. After the suspect was placed into the jail, the located pills and marijuana were weighed and identified. Officer used the website of (www.drugs.com) and was able to identify the orange pills as Adderall and the white pills as Xanax (Alprazolam).

Due to two previous offenses that were reported (approximately less than an hour before) that stated a white truck with Ryder on the sides struck a wooden fence and then struck a parked vehicle that was unattended without leaving proper information at both scenes. With the evidence of the specific name of Ryder given by the previous reporting party, the current reporting party, and a piece of wood that was located in the front of the suspect's vehicle that matched the color of the fence from the previous offense officers determined probable cause was met due to the affirmative links of the evidence from the previous offenses and the short time between the suspect leaving the scenes. Officers placed the additional charges of Duty Upon Striking a Fixture Class B and Duty Upon Striking An Unattended Vehicle Class B on the suspect.

Jail/Detention :
On Friday October 9th, 2020 at approximately 5:58am the subject entered the Rowlett Detention Center to be processed. Detention Officers Lunger # 5876 and Granado # 5836 were on duty during this time.

Howard was arrested for the six Dallas County charges listed below:
1. Possession Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 3<28G
2. Possession Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 2>1G<4G
3. Possession Marijuana <2oz
4. Driving While Intoxicated
5. Duty on Striking Unattended Vehicle
6. Duty on Striking Fixture/Hwy/Landscaping

Prior to being brought to the Rowlett Detention Center, Howard was taken Baylor Scott and White Rowlett for a blood draw, due to the alleged Driving While Intoxicated offense.
He was processed into the Rowlett Detention Center by Detention Officers.
He interacted with Detention Staff without issue and was processed without difficulty. He followed directions when instructed and was photographed, fingerprinted and signed his paperwork prior to being placed into Cell # 3.
He was able to reply to questions asked by Detention Officers and was processed completely into the Rowlett Detention Center.
During the Medical Screening, He did not make any admissions of having a mental or medical problem and did not state that he used any medications.
He had to use the Book-in counter to keep his balance and was not able to retrieve numbers from his cellphone at the time of book-in. Detention officers decided that due to his intoxication, he would be placed in the cell until able to retrieve phone numbers from his cellphone.
He did not make an initial phone call.

He was escorted to Cell # 3 by detention officers. He initially sat on the floor of the cell after being placed in the cell, before getting into the middle bunk and going to sleep.

He was given lunch at approximately 12:28pm by detention officers. He did not wake up when given his lunch, so the detention officer put the food on the lower level bunk.

At approximately 5:05pm the detention officer entered Cell # 3 to serve dinner. Detention officer attempted to wake him for his dinner but was not able to. Detention officer shook him by the shoulder and also rocked his head back and forth in an attempt to get a response. There was no response from him.
Detention officers contacted the detention supervisor via phone and advised him of the situation. The detention supervisor advised the detention officer to try waking him by using the Ammonia Inhalants in the jail cage. Detention officer attempted to do so, but he still did not respond.

The detention supervisor advised the detention officer to have Paramedics and the on-duty sergeant come to the Rowlett Detention Center.

At approximately 5:09pm, detention officer contacted Rowlett Communications and requested Paramedics. While waiting for Paramedics to arrive, detention officer continued to rock him and call his name in an attempt to get a response.

At approximately 5:11pm, patrol corporal arrived at the Rowlett Detention Center to assist the detention officer

with him. Two on-duty sergeants arrived shortly after as well.
Corporal and detention officer removed him from the bunk and placed him on the floor of the cell.
At approximately 5:12pm, the corporal began CPR. At approximately 5:14pm, the corporal and detention officer switched, with the detention officer conducting CPR.

At approximately 5:15pm, a sergeant retrieved the AED from the Dispatch hallway, outside the Detention Center door.

Rowlett Paramedics arrived at the Rowlett Detention Center at approximately 5:16pm and began checking Howard.

Detention Supervisor Jorai arrived the Rowlett Detention Center at approximately 5:24pm.

At approximately 5:32pm, Rowlett Paramedics exited the Rowlett Detention Center with Howard.

Rowlett Paramedics transported Howard to Baylor Scott and White Rowlett.

There were no uses of force observed or reported against or toward the deceased individual at any time during initial contact, arrest, transport, book-in, or while being held in the detention facility.