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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-511-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/9/2020 11:44 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hopkins County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	298 Rosemont Street
Agency City:	Sulphur Springs	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75482		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Lewis
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Tatum		
Reporter Name:	Corley Weatherford	Reporter Email:	cweatherford@hopkinscountytx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mark

Middle Name: Alan

Last Name: Hicks

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/19/1966 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/1/2020 12:16 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/1/2020 12:16 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:

"Based upon autopsy and history available to me, it is my opinion that Mark Alan Hicks, a 53-year-old white male, died as a result of atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease." - Chester S Gwin, M.D. - Medical Examiner

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:	298 rosemont st.	City:	Sulphur Springs
County:	Hopkins	Zip:	75482

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: 5/19/2020 11:33 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Mr. Hicks Medical Jail Cell.

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:

Poss Controlled Substance PG1 <1G >4G

Offense 2:

None

Offense 3:

None

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

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:

Mr. Hicks was an inmate in the Hopkins County Jail housed in a cell known as “S1” a handicap cell used for inmates with medical conditions. Mr. Hicks was observed the morning of 6/1/2020 awake and using the restroom. Mr. Hicks returned to his bunk and was observed on subsequent rounds laying on his bunk in a sleeping position. At around 1200 HRS Corrections Officer Garcia attempted to awake Mr. Hicks for Lunch. Mr. Hicks did not respond to the Corrections Officer and EMS was contacted. EMS arrived on scene at about 1210 HRS. It was found that Mr. Hicks was deceased.