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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-553-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/7/2020 5:46 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Bobbitt

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/14/1970 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/1/2020 1:40 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/6/2020 7:17 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:

It is the opinion of Medical Examiner J. Urban, M.D., that James William Bobbitt died as a result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic 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: Unknown

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:	111 W. Commerce St.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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:
Hospital/Infirmary

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:	5/1/2020 1:40 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Dead on arrival at 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:

Bond Forfeiture - Unlawful Carrying Weapon

Offense 2:

Bond Forfeiture - DWI

Offense 3:

Burglary Hold for Tarrrant County and Mansfield

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:

Non-Violent Crimes against the State

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
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 1, 2020 James Bobbitt W/M 01/14/1970 was booked into the Dallas County Jail by the Irving Police Department for Bond Forfeiture warrants on a previous Driving While Intoxicated case M1930701C and a previous Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon case M1930620C. He also had holds for Terroristic Threats and Burglary from Mansfield Police Department and Tarrant County Sheriff's Department.
On May 3, 2020, at approximately 10:35 p.m., Bobbitt was housed in Kays Tower 3-H and refused to rack off during shift change. Officers observed Bobbitt walking over to the bunks of other inmates in the tank and using profane language towards them which was causing problems in the tank. He was placed in the time out cell to maintain control of the tank.

On May 4, 2020, while in the time out cell, Nurse O. Oluchi, PMH Jail Staff, placed Bobbitt on Crisis Stabilization, and he was transferred to single cell N0106 - Cell D at the Dallas County Gill-Hernandez Jail Medical Facility.

On May 6, 2020, at approximately 7:17 p.m., Detention Service Officer E. Hughes #9208 was making her routine rounds in tank N0106. As she approached single cell D, DSO Hughes observed Bobbitt laying on his bunk and it appeared that his head was turning blue in color.
DSO Hughes attempted to get Bobbitt's attention by calling his name but there was no response.
DSO Hughes and DSO E. Chapa #5121 alerted the medical staff and entered the cell to check on his welfare. Nursing staff responded and began life saving measures including CPR.

Acadian Ambulance was called and arrived at 7:27 p.m. to assist. Bobbitt was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital with CPR still in progress. Upon arrival at PMH, Dr. Bernard pronounce Bobbitt deceased at 8:18 p.m. The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office was notified and took possession of the body to conduct an autopsy.

Dallas County Sheriff's Detectives T. Trout #572 and M. Martin #1035 responded to the jail to conduct an

investigation. Detective Trout notified the Dallas County District Attorneys' Office about the Custodial Death and they did not respond to the scene.

As of June 11, 2020, the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office still has the cause of death as Pending. Detective Martin made notification to the Fiance and she stated the deceased has heart issues due to alcoholism.

A forensic autopsy was conducted by Dallas County Medical Examiner J. Urban, M.D. and the death was ruled a Natural Death as a result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.