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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1207-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/10/2022 4:43 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Tarrant County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 Taylor St., Plaza Bldg. 7th Floor
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76196		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Waybourn		
Reporter Name:	Clifton Shelton	Reporter Email:	cjshelton@tarrantcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Tyler

Middle Name: Jay

Last Name: Huffman

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/17/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/6/2021 12:56 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/10/2021 6:41 AM

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:

Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease with Cardiomegaly

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?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	300 W. Belknap St	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76102

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:	9/5/2021 11:35 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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 of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1, 1-4 grams

Offense 2:

Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1, 1-4 grams

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

Inmate Huffman entered the Tarrant County Jail on September 5, 2021 at 2335 hours on a CDC1 warrants for Poss. CS 1-4 PG1. From my understanding at the scene, Inmate Huffman was detoxing from unknown narcotics. He also had high blood pressure. He was housed in the Tarrant County Belknap Jail on 2-7 (Floor 7) in “O” housing unit cell 1. The inmates are locked inside their cells from 2200 hours to 0730 hours each day. It appears that Inmate Huffman died sometime in the early morning of 09-10-2021. He was found deceased in his cell after he did not get up from the bed to retrieve his breakfast tray at approximately 0600 hours. CPR was performed by the jail staff and he was later pronounced deceased at 0641 hours by EMS. At the time of the report, there did not appear to be anything suspicious with the death. The decedent was transported to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office. Texas Department of Public Safety Ranger T. Dendy was called to investigate the death.