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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1281-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/29/2021 9:05 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Delta County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 W. Bonham Ave.
Agency City:	Cooper	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75432		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Charla
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Anderson-Singleton		
Reporter Name:	Charla Anderson-Singleton	Reporter Email:	sheriff1@deltacountysheriff.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gerald

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Thomas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/1/1961 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 60

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/1/2019 9:44 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/28/2021 4:53 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Covid Pneumonia with pre-existing condition of COPD and Emphysema

Medical Cause of Death:

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On 09/02/2021 Gerald Thomas began feeling bad.
09/03/2021 He tested positive by rapid testing at the Delta County Sheriff's Office. He was seen by the CareVide PA on that date and placed on medications.
09/10/2021 He was transported to Christus Mother Frances in hopes of an infusion. His oxygen levels were low and they would not administer the treatment. He was provided care at the emergency room and left the hospital that day on oxygen. Thomas remained on oxygen in our facility until 9/18/2021.
On 9/18/2021 He was transported to Christus Mother Frances. On that date he was diagnosed with pneumonia and moved to ICU.
On 9/22/2021 He was placed on a ventilator in the care of Christus Mother Frances.
On 9/28/2021 with the support of the skilled Doctors and Nurses and Gerald Thomas's family, he was removed from the ventilator and provided critical care by the skilled staff at the hospital.
On 9/28/2021 at 04:53 PM he passed away at the hospital.

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?

Not applicable, cause of death was

Means of Death: illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 115 Airport Rd

City: Sulphur Springs

County: Hopkins

Zip: 75482

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

The individual was in the hospital at a neighboring (Hopkins) County in ICU.

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

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:

Manufacture/Delivery Controlled Substance PG 1<1G Drug Free Zone

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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):	No	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:

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On 9/17/2021 He done a televisit with Carevide Cooper for a follow-up on his oxygen.
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with pneumonia and moved to ICU.
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On 9/28/2021 with the support of the skilled Doctors and Nurses and Gerald Thomas's family, he was removed from the ventilator and provided critical care by the skilled staff at the hospital.
On 9/28/2021 at 04:53 P.M. Gerald Thomas passed away peacefully with his wife, Sheriff Charla Singleton and Chief Deputy Alex Suarez present.