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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1451-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/9/2022 1:25 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Wise County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 Rook Ramsey Dr.
Agency City:	Decatur	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76234		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Lane
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Akin		
Reporter Name:	Craig Johnson	Reporter Email:	johnsonc@sheriff.co.wise.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Charles

Middle Name: Lloyd

Last Name: Fowler

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/6/1961 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: 10/7/2021 1:38 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/21/2021 12:48 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:

Contributing factors to decedent's death:
1) Acute gastrointestinal bleed due to peptic ulcer disease
2) Hypertensive and atherosclerotic disease
3) Alzheimer dementia

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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:	200 Roook Ramsey	City:	Decatur
County:	Wise	Zip:	76234

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 - detox 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:	10/7/2021 2:03 PM

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?:	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:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon (FAMILY VIOLENCE)

Offense 2:

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: Violent Crime Against Persons

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Rock

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	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:

On 10-20-2021, at approximately 2342 hours, during normal rounds, staff at the Wise County Jail observed Inmate Charles Fowler laying on his back in the bathroom portion of his cell masturbating. At approximately 2352 hours, during normal rounds, jail staff saw Fowler laying on his back and appeared to be resting. Jail staff noted Inmate Fowler's foot was twitching. On 10-21-2021, at approximately 0003 hours, during the next normal round, jail staff entered Inmate Fowler's cell to check on him. Inmate Fowler did not respond to jail staff verbally calling his name. Jail staff shook Inmate Fowler to alert him to their presence. Fowler was unresponsive and did not appear to be breathing. At approximately 0006 hours, jail staff checked Inmate Fowler for a pulse and did not locate one. Jail staff called a "Code Blue", medical emergency, and requested Wise County Dispatch send EMS to the jail for Inmate Fowler. Jail staff began CPR procedures and applied patches from an AED machine. The AED indicated shock was not necessary and to continue CPR. CPR was continued until EMS arrived and took over care of Inmate Fowler. Wise County EMS transported Inmate Fowler to Wise Regional Hospital where he was later declared deceased.

On 02-28-2022, Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas autopsy report #IFS-21-21817, which documented the results of Fowler's autopsy. The findings of the report are listed as:

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