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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	1/18/2022 2:06 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: Shawn

Middle Name:

Last Name: Lawson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/17/1938 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 83

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/22/2021 2:52 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/22/2021 4:26 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:

COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2).

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?: Deceased developed condition after admission

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

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2).

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	5200 Harry Hines Blvd.	City:	Dalls
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75235

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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:

Probation Violation Theft Prop.>=$2500<$30K

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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:

Probation Violation

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?:	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:	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 Friday, October 22, 2021, at approximately 5:45 pm, I Dallas County Sheriff Criminal Investigation Section (CIS) Detective M. Martin #1035, was informed by Dallas County Sheriff Communication Section in regard to a "Custodial Death" that had taken place at Parkland Memorial Hospital (PMH) located at 5200 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75235. At approximately 5:50 pm., Det. Martin notified CIS Senior Sergeant (S/Sgt.) Y. Williams #936 and informed him of the situation.

At approximately 5:56 pm., Det. Martin contacted Dallas County Sheriff Detention Service Supervisor (DSS) M. Hill #6103, who stated that approximately 3:20 pm., Dallas County Inmate
Shawn Lawson (B/M DOB: 05/17/1938 83 yoa Decedent) was taken off of "Life Support". On October 22, 2021, Parkland Memorial Hospital Doctor (Dr.) James Zasadnisai pronounced the Decedent deceased at approximately 4:26 pm., from Acute Hypoxic Respiratory Failure secondary to Covid-19. DSS Hill stated that

the Decedent's two daughters and son were present at his bedside at the time of his death. PMH medical personnel notified the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office of the Decedent's death. The Decedent was fingerprinted and released from custody to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office.

Det. Martin reviewed jail records depicting that, on Thursday, July 22, 2021, the Decedent was arrested by the Dallas County Sheriff 's Department and booked into the Dallas County Jail, located at 111 W. Commerce St., Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75207. The Decedent was charged with Probation Violation - Theft of Property>+$2,500<$30,000 (F1876390).

During the Decedent's initial medical screening at the Dallas County Jail, the Decedent informed Medical Providers that approximately June 2019, the Decedent was diagnosed with Stage-4 Colon Cancer. The Decedent stated that he last saw his Cancer Medical Provider early 2021. The Decedent was transferred to the Dallas County Jail - Infirmary, due to his mobility. Dallas County Jail Medical Providers provided a wheelchair and placed the Decedent on the bottom bunk with handicap accessibility and was instructed to advise Jail Personnel if he needed medical assistance.

On September 20, 2021, Parkland Jail Health Nurse Practitioner S. Chacko examined the Decedent and determined that he need to be transferred to PMH for Delirium. Registered Nurse T. Garrison contacted Acadian Ambulance Service; Acadian Unit #867 transported the Decedent to PHM. The Decedent was admitted to PMH (Room 609) for Acute Hypoxic Respiratory Failure in the setting of Covid-19.

On Thursday, December 9, 2021, Det. Martin received a Cause of Death Report from the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science at Dallas (SWIFS) pertaining to IFS#21-21980. The report depicts that the Decedent died as a result of Covid-19. Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease also contributed to the Decedent's death. No Autopsy was performed.

The manner of death was declared as "Natural" by Jessica Dwyer SWIFS MD.
DSO Service #21-064414
ME IFS #21-21980.