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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1751-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/7/2022 1:39 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: Deron

Middle Name: Markeith

Last Name: Tolbert

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/31/1990 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/2/2021 5:46 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/13/2021 6:00 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:

Pulmonary thromboembolism

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?:	Could not be determined

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:
Jail - multiple occupancy 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:	5/2/2021 5:46 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?:	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:

Indecent Exposure

Offense 2:

Assault Public Servant

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured law enforcement personnel

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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	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 Monday, December 13, 2021, at approximately 4:30 am., inmates assigned to the Dallas County Jail - West Tower 4P08 alerted the 4th floor West Tower Control Center of an inmate having a possible seizure in "F" cell. The inmates assigned to 4P08 alerted Dallas County Sheriff personnel by activation the intercom buttons in the dayroom and inside "F" cell.

Dallas County Detention Officer B. Folson Jr. #9641 responded to 4P08 "F" cell and observed the inmate needing medical attention. The inmate was identified by armband as Tolbert, Deron Markeith B/M 03-31-1990, 31 yoa. According to the Adult Identification System Jail Incident report #W2106379, DSO Folson described observing inmate Tolbert on the ground, breathing heavily, moaning, and appeared to be holding his chest while rolling on the floor. DSO Folson radioed "inmate down".

At approximately 4:33 am., Detention Service Supervisor (DSS) J. Scott #6378 and DSS J. Shields #6349 responded to 4P08. Registered Nurse (RN) M. Rinomhota checked Talbert's vital signs. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) M. Smith, LVN O. Gbolabo, LVN M. Goodwine, and Registered Nurse (RN) B. Jemilohun arrived to assist.

At approximately 4:50 am., DSS Shields called Dallas County Sheriff's Department Dispatch and requested an ambulance. Jail medical staff began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). At approximately 5:03 am., paramedics from Dallas Fire and Rescue MICU #218 arrived to 4P08 and provided medical attention to inmate Tolbert.

At approximately 5:20 am., DFR paramedics placed him on a stretcher and continued providing medical attention to Inmate Tolbert.

At approximately 5:23 am., paramedics left the 4th floor and departed the Sally Port with inmate Tolbert to Parkland Memorial Hospital (5200 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75235) where he was pronounced deceased at 6:00 am., by Dr. Philip Jarrott.

At approximately 7:27 am., Detective C. Castaneda-Medina #1156 with the Dallas County Sheriff Criminal Investigation Section contacted the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office and spoke with Medicolegal Death Investigator T. Ellis. The manner of death is pending a forensic autopsy.

DSO Svc #21-073779
Dallas County Medical Examiner ISF #21-25513

Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas
Office of the Medical Examiner
Autopsy Report

COVID-19 Qualitative Test Results: Negative (Normal)

FINDINGS:
01. Obesity and Hypercoagulability:
a. Pulmonary thromboembolism.
b. Heterozygous for genetic variant V 34L on Factor XIII mutation analysis.
02. Clinical history of schizoaffective disorder (bipolar type), generalized anxiety disorder, and illicit drug use.
03. Decedent found on the floor of his open jail cell with rapid breathing.

CONCLUSIONS:
Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Deron Markeith Tolbert, a 31-year-old male, died as a result of a pulmonary thromboembolus associated with obesity and hypercoagulability.

MANNER OF DEATH: Natural.

Elizabeth Ventura, M.D.
Medical Examiner
02-01-2022