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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1757-MJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/20/2022 10:54 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	North Richland Hills Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 820609
Agency City:	North Richland Hills	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76182		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Lieutenant	Director First Name:	Melissa
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Andrews		
Reporter Name:	Melissa Andrews	Reporter Email:	mandrews@nrhtx.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Brandon

Middle Name:

Last Name: Ford

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/14/1988 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/17/2021 12:28 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/18/2021 5:50 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Toxic Effects of Methamphetamine
OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: Chronic Ethanol Abuse

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?: Decedent

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	4301 City Point Dr	City:	North Richland Hills
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76180

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:	Municipal 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:	10/17/2021 1:25 AM

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:

Warrants-Class C

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

700548 -01 LIVING IN RESIDENCE WITHOUT WATER SERVICE $264.00 CAPIAS PRO FINE 700548 -02 OVERGROWN VEGETATION, RUBBISH, & OTHER UNSANITARY MATTER PROHIBITE $264.00 CAPIAS PRO FINE 700548 -03 FAULTY WEATHER PROTECTION $264.00 CAPIAS PRO FINE 700548F -01 FAI

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?: 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 10/17/2021 at approximately 0045 hours, Watauga Officer Bell, conducted a traffic stop, incident 21W20988, with a vehicle in which Brandon Ford, the decedent, was a passenger. Ultimately the driver and Brandon Ford were both arrested for confirmed warrants. Ford was transported and arrived at the North Richland Hills PD jail facility at approximately 0125 hours. Initially Ford was placed in D1 holding cell at approximately 0143 hours. After speaking with the Haltom City Judge they agreed he would sit out the remainder of the amount owed. At 1538 hours Ford was transferred to Orange Pod 3 which is a multi-prisoner cell. However, Ford was placed in the cell alone. Multiple checks of the cell were conducted throughout the duration of his stay. Ford was provided food and drink. At approximately 0445 hours on 10/18/2021, from video surveillance, it appears Ford has a medical episode. At 0513 hours Detention Officers Victorious and Vastine enter Orange Pod 3 to serve Ford breakfast. At that time they observed Ford to be deceased. Medical personnel were summoned to the scene. North Richland Hills Fire Department medics began life saving measures and Ford was transported to North Hills Hospital where he was reported deceased at approximately 0550 hours.