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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-19-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/22/2021 10:53 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Wharton County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	315 E. Elm Street
Agency City:	Wharton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77488		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Shannon
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Srubar		
Reporter Name:	Jason Mican	Reporter Email:	jason.mican@co.wharton.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Henry

Middle Name: Donell

Last Name: Stephens

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/6/1965 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/11/2020 8:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/15/2021 7:37 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:

Part 1: Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
Part 2: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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?

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:	315 E. Elm	City:	Wharton
County:	Wharton	Zip:	77488

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 - holding 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:	5/11/2020 8:30 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:

Assault Family/Household Member W/Prev Conv Felony 3

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: 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:

On 01/12/2021, Inmate Henry Stephens complained of heart burn. He was seen by the Jail Nurse. On 01/13/2021, Inmate Henry Stephens was seen by Southern Health Partners Doctor for his complaint of heart burn. Lab testing was ordered. On 01/15/2021, at approximately 1628 hours, Inmate Henry Stephens made a complaint to jail staff that his chest hurt and his left arm was numb. Jail staff escorted Inmate Stephens to the medical room where his blood pressure was checked. Jail Nurse was contacted by public service. She advised jail staff to administer a nitroglycerin pill to Inmate Stephens and then monitor him. Inmate Stephens was placed in an observation room near the control room. After approximately fifteen minutes, Inmate Stephens was checked on to see if the pill had an effect and Inmate Stephens advised that he was still having chest pains and that he had vomited. Stephens had admitted to jail staff that he had consumed a lot of sugar and junk food before he started to have chest pains. The Nurse was contacted again and advised that the nitroglycerin pill did not work and of the consumption of sugar and junk food. The Nurse advised to give Inmate Stephens heart burn medication. At approximately 1820 hours, the shift Sergeant observed Inmate Stephens fall to the floor. The shift Sergeant went immediately to the observation room and observed Inmate Stephens unconscious. Wharton EMS was contacted. One of the jail staff observed that Inmate Stephens was not breathing and had no pulse. That jail staff began CPR. Wharton EMS arrived and then began treatment. Inmate Stephens was transported to Oakbend Emergency Room, Wharton. At approximately 1937 hours, Inmate Stephens was pronounced dead. An Investigator from the Wharton County Sheriff's Office and a Texas Ranger was contacted and made location to conduct an investigation. An Autopsy was performed by the Fort Bend Medical Examiner's Office. The Cause of Death was listed as Part 1: Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and Part 2: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The manner of death was Natural.