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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-301-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	3/16/2021 3:01 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Tarrant County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 Taylor St., Plaza Bldg. 7th Floor
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76196		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Waybourn		
Reporter Name:	Charles Brogdon	Reporter Email:	cgbrogdon@tarrantcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ellison

Middle Name: Monroe

Last Name: McCurdy

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/22/1951 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 69

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/25/2019 4:36 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/28/2021 10:22 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

COVID-19

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?:	Deceased developed condition after admission

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:	100 N. Lamar St.	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76196

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:

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:	2/14/2021 8:55 AM

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:

Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child

Offense 2:

X2 Sexual Assault of a Child

Offense 3:

Possession of Child Pornography

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?: Yes

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?:	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Ellison Monroe McCurdy (W/M 04/22/1951 TCSO CID# 0199212 TX DL# 11878368) was pronounced deceased by Dr. Steven Davis at 22:22 Hrs. on February 28, 2021 while he was being treated at John Peter Smith Hospital (JPSH). McCurdy had been in the Tarrant County Jail since April 25, 2019 on four charges (Continuous Sexual Assault of a Child, 2 counts of Sexual Assault of a Child, and Possession of Child Pornography). McCurdy was transported to JPSH on February 14, 2021 for difficulty breathing by ambulance. He tested positive for COVID-19 when he arrived at the hospital. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office has advised that an autopsy will not be performed.