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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-849-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/11/2022 1:21 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Angelina County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	2311 E. Lufkin Ave.
Agency City:	Lufkin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75901		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Greg
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Sanches		
Reporter Name:	Nick Gardner	Reporter Email:	ngardner@angelinacounty.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: David

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Smith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/11/1944 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 77

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/10/2020 11:57 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/8/2021 11:49 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:

Pathological Diagnosis:
I. Ruptured mycardial infarct
II. Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
III. Nodular Liver
IV. Attempted resuscitation

Cause of Death: Ruptured myocardial infarct
Manner of Death: Natural

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?:	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:	2311 E. Lufkin Ave.	City:	Lufkin
County:	Angelina	Zip:	75901

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 - single 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:	11/10/2020 11:57 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:

Motion to Adjudicate Guilt for Possession w/intent to promote child pornography

Offense 2:

Motion to Adjudicate Guilt for Possession w/intent to promote child pornography

Offense 3:

Motion to Adjudicate Guilt for Possession w/intent to promote child pornography

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: 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?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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 July 7, 2021, at approximately 17:03, a Southern Health Partners Nurse working in the Angelina County Jail (Contracted Vendor) was making a medical observation, when she observed Inmate David Smith (DOB: 3/11/1944, SO#73151) fall from his bunk and appeared to have landed on his shoulder. The nurse called for officers to proceed to the cell, and Sgt. Tovar entered the cell with the Nurse. Sgt. Tovar indicates that Mr. Smith was responsive when she arrived, but his speech was incoherent when she inquired as to his wellbeing. The Sergeant indicates that Mr. Smith's appeareance was abnormal, describing his color as pale. A second nurse arrived and they both attempted to take vitals on Mr. Smith, to no avail. The nurse advised Mr. Smith appeared to be dehydrated and didn't appear to be getting much blood flow to his eyes. The nurse advised for EMS to be called, and Sgt. Tovar immediately exited and went to booking to call EMS. Several minutes later, Mr. Smith became unresponsive. While EMS was en route, Sgt. Tovar briefed Warden Fredieu on the situation. Shortly after, EMS arrived. When EMS arrived at the cell, they immediately took over performing chest compressions, which the nurses had been doing prior to the EMS arrival. Mr. Smith was moved to a gurney and the paramedics placed the Automatic Chest Compression Machine (Auto Pulse) on him. They were then transferred to Chi St. Luke's Hospital in Lufkin. At approximately 19:58, the jail was notified by the Officer on duty at the hospital that Mr. Smith underwent some sort of surgery, where he received a stint, and was placed on a ventilator. Hospital advises that Mr. Smith had a heart attack. Mr. Smith was then moved to ICU. On 7/8/2021 - the District Judge having jurisdiction over the case was briefed by Asst. Warden Strickland and a PR Bond was subsequently sought. Mr. Smith was in the Angelina County jail for 5 counts of Motion to Adjudicate Guilt for Possession with Intent to Promote Child Pornography, a case from 2011. Mr. Smith had been in the Angelina County 240 days on these revocations.