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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1118-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/23/2022 10:31 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hays County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	810 South Stagecoach Trail
Agency City:	San Marcos	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78666		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Gary
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cutler		
Reporter Name:	Rod Venner	Reporter Email:	rod.venner@co.hays.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: Warren

Last Name: Knight

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/19/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/31/2022 9:03 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/17/2022 5:59 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Unknown at this time

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?: Unknown person(s) caused the injury

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1307 Uhland Road	City:	San Marcos
County:	Hays	Zip:	78666

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:	8/1/2022 4:54 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:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Possession of Child Pornography

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Discharged firearm

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: Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?: 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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On August 16, 2022, at approximately 4:58 PM, Inmate James Warren Knight seen by HCSO jail medical staff, (Well Path) and then transported to a local area hospital. Hospital staff began treatment on Inmate Knight, however, Inmate Knight was pronounced dead on August 17th, 2022, at 5:59 am. The preliminary investigation does not indicate any foul play and autopsy results are pending.

Knight was in custody for multiple charges out of Hays County to include Resisting Arrest/Search or Transport - Class A misdemeanor, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon - Class A misdemeanor, Criminal Mischief - Class B misdemeanor, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon – 2nd degree Felony, Violation of Protective Order - Class A misdemeanor, Tampering with ID Number - Class A misdemeanor and a charge out of Austin Police Department for Possession of Child Pornography – 3rd degree Felony.