KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1748-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/18/2023 3:42 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	University of Texas System Police	Agency Address:	210 West 7th Street
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78701		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Director	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Heidingsfield		
Reporter Name:	Phillip Young	Reporter Email:	phillip.young@utsouthwestern.edu

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kenneth

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Knotts

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/27/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

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: 11/29/2022 7:25 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/29/2022 1:02 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

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The autopsy report does not provide a medical cause of death. The report reads:
* No significant injuries noted at autopsy
* Mild cardiomegaly with myocyte hypertrophy on microscopic sections
* Obesity

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?:	Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	The medical examiners autopsy report indicates no significant injuries noted at autopsy. The manner of was classified as "undetermined."

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	6201 Harry Hines Blvd	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75390

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Until Autopsy provides manner or cause of Death, location causing death, cannot be determined.

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ✓

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?: Yes

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:

Unknown. The subject had been detained for detention for mental/physical evaluation by another law enforcement agency and transported to the medical facility by ambulance. The decedent fled the facility and was returned back to the medical facility for

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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 November 29, 2022 at approximately 7:25 AM, University of Texas Southwestern Police was dispatched to the ambulance drive entrance of the Clements University Hospital located at 6201 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, to meet with a City of Hutchins, Texas Police Officer, who had detained an individual under his authority as a peace officer and under the Texas Health and Safety Code, Title 7., Mental Health and Intellectual Disability, Subtitle C. Texas Mental Code, Chapter 573. - Sec. 573.001, Apprehension by Peace Officer Without Warrant (Peace Officer Emergency Detention). The subject was brought to the emergency room by ambulance to be evaluated for that purpose. The patient, later identified as Kenneth Wayne Knotts, was placed in an emergency treatment room. A University of Texas Southwestern Police Officer stood by the patient's room until approximately 8:10 AM.

At approximately 11:18 AM, University of Texas Southwestern Police Officers were dispatched to Mr. Knott's treatment room regarding a disturbance. The two responding officers utilized de-escalation techniques in an effort to calm Mr. Knotts. After approximately 25 minutes of talking with Mr. Knotts, Mr. Knotts fled the treatment room. As he fled, one officer attempted to deploy a "Taser" ("Conducted Electrical Weapon" or CEW) but, was unsuccessful in achieving "Neuro-Muscular Incapacitation" to stop Mr. Knotts while he was fleeing.

The patient had fled for over 500 yards and was located outside the medical facility at a nearby business at approximately 11:48 AM. Officers placed Mr. Knotts in handcuffs and attempted to place him in the back seating of a police vehicle to which Mr. Knott's was actively resisting by stiffening his body and using his legs to brace himself against the vehicle and going inside. He was then placed in a seated - upright position against a police vehicle. An ambulance was summoned to their location, arriving at approximately 11:56 AM. Mr. Knotts was returned to the emergency department by ambulance at 12:05 PM and in his treatment room at 12:07 PM.

At approximately 12:18 PM, medical staff in the room observed Mr. Knott's physical condition deteriorate and began life-saving procedures to revive Mr. Knotts. Mr. Knotts was pronounced deceased at approximately 1:02 PM.