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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1834-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/30/2023 4:59 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lubbock County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	PO BOX 10536
Agency City:	Lubbock	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79408		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Kelly
Director Middle Name:	S		
Director Last Name:	Rowe		
Reporter Name:	Cody Scott	Reporter Email:	cscott@co.lubbock.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ruthie

Middle Name: Jean

Last Name: Fisk

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/20/1972 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/1/2022 7:44 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/6/2022 5:56 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:

Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease with congestive heart failure.

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	3502 N. Holly Avenue	City:	Lubbock
County:	Lubbock	Zip:	79403

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:	4/1/2022 7:44 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Assault Causing Bodily Injury / (Misdemeanor A)

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: 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?:	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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On April 6, 2022, at approximately 1710, officers were doing a jail security check in the Medical Center housing area. When officers arrived to cell MC-18, they noticed Inmate Ruthie Fisk, laying face down on the floor, and would not respond to commands. A radio call for unresponsive inmate was announced. Medical staff, officers and supervisors responded to the area. Medical personnel began evaluation of the inmate and began lifesaving measures. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were called and responded. Lifesaving measures continued until EMS pronounced Inmate Fisk deceased at 1756.