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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1856-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/10/2024 11:26 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Galveston County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	601 54th St., Ste 2100
Agency City:	Galveston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77551		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Henry
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Trochesset		
Reporter Name:	Cody Schlageter	Reporter Email:	cody.schlageter@co.galveston.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Timothy

Middle Name: Albert

Last Name: Cornitius

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/15/1952 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 70

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/21/2022 3:11 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/1/2022 5:37 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:

Complications of sepsis

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?:	Could not be determined

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: 301 University Blvd
City: Galveston
County: Galveston
Zip: 77555

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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: 9/21/2022 3:11 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:

Assault on a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Criminal Tresspass

Offense 3:

Resisting Arrest

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; Crime Against Property

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?: Unknown

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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
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:

Inmate Cornitius was admitted to the Galveston County Jail on 09/21/2022 and was housed in the male FSP area. On 09/29/2022, he was evaluated by Vital Core employee, Carl Hart, who is a nurse practitioner. The decision was made by NP Hart to send Cornitius to the hospital (University of Texas Medical Branch) due to "altered mental status". Once at UTMB, Cornitius health continued to decline before passing. Time of death was called by Dr. Sarah Jenkins on 10/01/2022 at 5:37 p.m.