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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1862-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/10/2022 1:31 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Smith County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	227 N. Spring Ave.
Agency City:	Tyler	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75702		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Larry
Director Middle Name:	R		
Director Last Name:	Smith		
Reporter Name:	John Shoemaker	Reporter Email:	jshoemaker@smith-county.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Dewayne

Last Name: Blalock

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/14/1961 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 60

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/10/2021 11:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/20/2022 9:55 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 hepatocellular carcinoma secondary to cirrhosis of unknown etiology

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: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	227 S. Spring St	City:	Tyler
County:	Smith	Zip:	75702

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Christus Mother Frances 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 - 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: 5/10/2021 11:30 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?: 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:

Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

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?:	No	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On the 20th day of January 2022, Inmate Michael Dewayne Blalock, W/M, DOB 11-14-1961 time of death 2155 by Dr. Eljammal at Christus Mother Frances Hospital Tyler, Tx. Blalock was booked into Smith County Jail 5-10-2021 in reference to a Driving While Intoxicated 3rd. Blalock was sent to the hospital by medical staff 1-18-2022 at approximately 11:00am due to low Oxygen level and having a hard time breathing. I received report from the hospital later that day advising Blalock was in Liver failure and was having numerous other medical issues. Blalock was subsequently placed on a ventilator by medical personnel. On 1-19-2022 I was notified by medical staff to contact the family of the inmate so they could come visit with Blalock. Family was notified and filed a DNR with the hospital staff on 1-19-2022 at approximately 3:00pm. I also notified Texas Ranger Baggett of the situation due to the declining health of the inmate. The family decided to remove Life support from Blalock at approximately 4:30pm 1-20-2022. I was notified approximately 10:00pm that inmate Blalock had passed away at 10:55 pm this date. Texas Ranger Baggett was notified of the passing, Judge Andy Dunklin performed the inquest and ordered an autopsy at Forensic Medical Management Services 11980 State Hwy 155 N. Tyler, Tx 75708. Blalock was released to Light House Mortuary for transport.