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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-391-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/2/2023 9:50 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Terry

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Stewart

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/9/1960 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/23/2020 12:48 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/11/2022 5:21 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Incised wounds of neck.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: Other Weapon,
specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Razor blade.

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?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

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

Means of Death: Knife / edged instrument

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	111 W. Commerce St.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Dallas County Jail

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: 5/26/2021 11:36 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Ambulance.

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:

Sexual Assault of a Child - Continuous

Offense 2:

Viol Protective Order Issued Based on Sex Off

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: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Razor Blade.

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?:	No

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 24th, 2020, at approximately 5: 14 pm., Dallas Police Officers A. McNeely #11364 and M. Pierce #11361 arrested Terry Wayne Stewart W/M 08-09-1960 (Decedent) and booked him into the Dallas County

Jail located at 111 W. Commerce St. Dallas, Dallas County, Texas 75207. The Decedent was charged with Continuous Sexual Assault of a Child; Victim under 14 years of age, and three (3) other Sexual Assault of a Child, by sexually assaulting his daughter from approximately July 1st, 2017, to approximately April 20th, 2020. On April 29th, 2020, an additional warrant was issued for Sexual Assault of a Child. On July 14th, 2020, two (2) additional warrants were issued for Violation of Protective Order; issued based on sexual offenses, and for Obstruction/Retaliation.

The Decedent exhibited no Mental health concerns while in the Dallas County Jail and was assigned to General Population housing. The Decedent was classified as a Maximum Custody Inmate and initially housed in the North Tower Jail Facility. On May 26th, 2021, the Decedent was transferred to the West Tower Jail Facility, Inmate housing location (tank) 2P07 which contains eight (8) separate single person cells.

On March 11th, 2022, at approximately 12:13 am., the inmates in Inmate Housing location 2P07, which is a tank that can accommodate eight (8) inmates but had seven (7) inmates housed in it, were ordered into their assigned one-man cells for the night. The Decedent, who was assigned in cell "H" and had already returned to his cell at approximately 12:05 am., closed the door to "H" cell once the order was given. At approximately 12:27 am., Dallas County Sheriff's Department Jail personnel made entry into the tank, checked, and secured, all the cell doors, then exited the tank. At approximately 12:43 am., the lights were turned off in the tank.

At approximately 2:38 am., the lights in the tank were turned on so jail personnel could conduct face-to-face observations. Dallas County Sheriff's Department Detention Service Officer (DSO) A. Washington #8993 walked by the Decedent's cell, observed him moving, then exited the tank.

At approximately 3:42 am., the lights were turned on for normal daytime activities and the inmates were allowed to exit their cells. At approximately 4:17 am., an inmate assigned in the tank observed the Decedent with blood in his cell and summoned jail personnel for assistance. Jail personnel responded, observed a large amount of blood in the cell, and requested medical assistance from Parkland Jail Health. The Parkland Jail Health staff observed multiple laceration to both sides of the Decedent's neck, began life saving measures, bandaged the wounds, and contacted Acadian Ambulance Service for transport.

Acadian Ambulance Service responded, took possession of the Decedent, and was in route to Parkland Memorial Hospital (PMH). However, while in route to PMH, Acadian Ambulance Paramedic Grace Sumner was on the telephone with PMH Bio Tel who advised her that since life saving measures were conducted for 30 minutes with no response of signs of life, per PMH Dr. Robert Rash pronounced the Decedent as deceased at 5:21 am., Bio Tel then redirected the ambulance to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office to deliver the Decedent's body.

This death is being investigated under Dallas County Sheriff's Department service #22-012339.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's (ME) Office assigned their case number, IFS-22-05216-ME, to this case. Examining Pathologist Jill Urban, M.D. performed an autopsy on the Decedent.

She provided a Cause of Death Report to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department which stated that the Cause of Death was "Incised wounds of neck", and the Manner of death was "Suicide".

FINDINGS:

1. Incised wounds of neck:

A. Incised wound of lateral right side of neck, with penetration into musculature and fascia of right side of neck.

B. Incised wound of lateral left side of neck, with perforation of left jugular vein, left lobe of thyroid gland and laryngeal cartilage.

2. Pulmonary emphysema.
3. Mild atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.
4. Cardiac hypertrophy.
5. Polycystic kidney disease.
6. By history, the decedent was found unresponsive in his jail cell. An apparent razor blade was found in the cell. He had a hearing for sexual assault scheduled on the day of his death.

CONCLUSIONS:

It is my opinion that Terry Wayne Stewart, a 61-year-old man, died as a result of incised wounds of the neck.

MANNER OF DEATH: Suicide.

Jill E. Urban, M.D.
Medical Examiner
04-21-2022.