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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-494-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/8/2022 2:57 PM	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: Taylon

Middle Name: Breshoud

Last Name: Dickerson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/6/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/24/2021 12:14 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/5/2022 11:57 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: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Undetermined.

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: Undetermined.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

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

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:	
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?: 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:

Aggravated Robbery X 3

Offense 2:

Indictment - Theft Prop <$2,500 2/more prev

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: 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	Unknown
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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 Friday, April 1, 2022, at approximately 2:06 pm., Dallas County Sheriff Detention Service Officer (DSO) E. Willis #8559 observed Dallas County Inmate Dickerson, Taylon Breshoud B/M 04/06/1991 Bookin number #21023349 laying naked on the floor of his assigned single cell (sole occupant), with what appeared to be blood coming from his mouth. DSO Willis requested medical assistance. Dickerson's single cell, 2WU31, is located within the Dallas County North Tower Jail Facility, 111 W. Commerce Street, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas 752007-4313.
At approximately 2:07 pm., Parkland Medical Staff Member - Registered Nurse O. Aladeylu, responded and initiated lifesaving measures. Several unidentified Parkland Jail Health Medical Staff Members also responded to provide Dickerson with medical attention.
At approximately 2:47 pm., Acadian Ambulance personnel arrived to the North Tower Jail Facility cell 2WU31. As Dickerson was receiving medical attention, he became responsive. Acadian Ambulance personnel restrained Dickerson onto a transport stretcher. Shortly after, Dickerson became unresponsive, and Acadian Paramedics initiated chest compressions. At approximately 3:06 pm., Acadian Ambulance personnel began to transport Inmate Dickerson to Parkland Memorial Hospital for medical evaluation/treatment, in Acadian Ambulance Unit #933. Dickerson remained unresponsive during the duration of his admittance at the Parkland Memorial Hospital.
On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 11:57am., Parkland Memorial Hospital Medical Doctor Bethany Lussier

pronounced Dickerson as deceased and diagnosed him with "Anoxic Brain Injury".
At approximately 6:46 pm., Detective C. Castaneda-Medina #1156 with the Dallas County Sheriff - Criminal Investigation Section was notified of Dickerson's death.
At approximately 8:47 pm., Detective C. Castaneda-Medina #1156 contacted the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office and spoke with Medicolegal Death Investigator Jackson Haug. Death Investigator Haug stated that he spoke with Parkland Medical Staff and confirmed Dickerson's diagnosis. Death Investigator Haug also mentioned that Dickerson was still on a ventilator for possible organ donation, but he was officially pronounced brain dead/deceased.
On April 7, 2022, an autopsy was performed by Medical Examiner Grant Herndon with the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. The results of the examination are currently pending.
DSO SVE #22-016337
Dallas County Medical Examiner ISF#22-07107.

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Autopsy Report:
Based on the available case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Taylon Breshoud Dickerson, a 30-year-old male, died as a result of hyponatremia of uncertain etiology. Fatal hyponatremia (low blood sodium) can be the result of multiple causes, including but not limited to drugs of abuse, various natural diseases, and/or consuming large amounts of water.
Although a urine drug screen at the hospital was negative, comprehensive toxicology testing is limited by the lack of admission blood specimens. Autopsy findings are minimal and non-specific given the amount of time he was hospitalized. The decedent's behavior and actions surrounding the death are also unclear at this time; he was in a solitary jail cell and only periodically observed during officer rounds, and he appeared well during the set of rounds preceding the rounds when he was found unresponsive. Security footage from the jail is of limited usefulness, as it is from a single vantage point far down the hallway from the decedent's cell. Given the above, in my opinion the manner of death is most appropriately classified as undetermined..
Should further information come to light in the future, the cause and/or manner of death may be amended.

Manner of Death: Undetermined.

Grant W. Herndon, D.O.
Medical Examiner
06-06-2022