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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-742-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/9/2023 3:47 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Howard County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	3613 West Hwy 80
Agency City:	Big Spring	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79720		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Stan
Director Middle Name:	A.		
Director Last Name:	Parker		
Reporter Name:	Stan Parker	Reporter Email:	stan.parker@howardcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jessica

Middle Name: Michelle

Last Name: Dotson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/13/1985 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/14/2022 12:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/6/2022 4:58 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

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

Manner of Death: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Inmate Dotson passed out in cell. Other inmates in cell called for medical assistance. CPR was started and she later passed from a cardiac issue

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Inmate Dotson passed out in cell. Other inmates in cell called for medical assistance. Sargent Emerson entered Pod and assessed the situation and called for assistance. Sargent Emerson began CPR . Inmate Dotson was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room. Inmate Dotson was then airlifted to Odessa Regional Hospital, where she was treated for a cardiac issue

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?:	Deceased developed condition after admission

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:	3611 W. Hwy 80	City:	Big Spring, Texas
County:	Howard	Zip:	79720

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 - 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:	3/14/2022 12:30 AM

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:

MTR/ Poss CS PG1<1G

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?: 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 Thursday April 28,2022, around 2:06:46 pm, a female in F-Pod where inmate Dotson, Jessica was being housed with other females, pressed the intercom button advising a female was having a medical issue. At 2:07:01 officer Becky Harris verbally responded to the call and notified Sargent Bob Emerson of the situation. Sargent Emerson responded to F-Pod and entered the Pod at 2:09:28 and assessed the situation and called for assistance. Sargent Emerson began CPR at 2:11:38, during this time other staff had arrived and began helping with the situation and EMS was in enroute. At 2:20:48 EMS arrived and took over medical treatment of inmate Dotson. At 2:22:40 EMS left the Pod Transporting inmate Dotson to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room. Inmate Dotson was then airlifted to Odessa Regional Hospital for further medical treatment.