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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-768-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/16/2022 4:24 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Taylor County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	450 Pecan
Agency City:	Abilene	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79602		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Ricky
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Bishop		
Reporter Name:	Ricky Bishop	Reporter Email:	ricky.bishop@taylorcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Timothy

Middle Name: Lon

Last Name: Ferguson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/8/1958 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 64

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/12/2022 3:25 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/13/2022 8:24 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:

Right cerebral hemispheric bleed. Due to Hypertensive cardiovascular disease.

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?:	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:	910 South 27th Street	City:	Abilene
County:	Taylor	Zip:	79602

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:	6/11/2021 12:11 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?:	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:

Agg assault with a deadly weapon family violence

Offense 2:

Agg assault with a deadly weapon

Offense 3:

Agg assault with a deadly weapon

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; 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: 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?:	Unknown	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?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 Sunday June 12, 2022 Inmate Ferguson collapsed while taking a shower. Other inmates in the cell alerted the Officers that Inmate Ferguson needed help. Officers entered the cell and believed Ferguson had a faint pulse. The nurse arrived and verified a faint pulse. She ordered for EMS to be called and to retrieve the AED. Prior to EMS and Fire arrival the officers and the nurse administered CPR. Upon arrival of Fire and EMS they took over the care. EMS transported Inmate Ferguson to the Hospital. He was hospitalized and in ICU on a ventilator. Doctors at the hospital believed that Inmate Ferguson may have had an aneurism and further testing revealed no signs of life. Inmate Ferguson was pronounced dead by the doctors at 2024 hours on Monday June 13, 2022. On November 16, 2022 autopsy results were received, and indicated that inmate Ferguson's cause of death was a right cerebral hemispheric bleed due to hypertensive cardiovascular disease.