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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1055-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/20/2024 7:22 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Nueces County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1940
Agency City:	Corpus Christi	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78403		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	John
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hooper		
Reporter Name:	Monica Rios	Reporter Email:	monica.rios@nuecescountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Texas

Middle Name:

Last Name: Surratt

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/13/1964 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 58

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/10/2023 2:22 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/24/2023 11:08 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

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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?:	Could not be determined

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:	600 Elizabeth	City:	Corpus Christi
County:	Nueces	Zip:	78404

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

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 - 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: 7/24/2023 11:08 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:

Assault Fam/House Mem Impede Breath/Circul

Offense 2:

Possession of Marijuana

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): 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:	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 July 24, 2023, at approximately 1026 a signal 35U (medical emergency) was called in the Intake Area. Officers were attempting to move Texas Surrat from holding cell when they observed he was pale, his skin was cold to touch, and he was not following verbal commands. Officers called for LVN (Licensed Vocational Nurse) to examine Mr. Surratt. Upon entering the cell Nurse Japheth Fernandez attempted to obtain a temperature on Mr. Surratt and received a "LO" reading. Nurse Fernandez asked for a wheelchair in order to move Mr. Surratt to the Intake Medical Station. While wheeling him out of the cell medical staff attempted to obtain a blood pressure but were unsuccessful. Mr. Surratt had a very faint pulse and at that time RN (Registered Nurse) Normajean Bullard, who began assisting Nurse Fernandez directed Officers to place Inmate Surratt on his back and onto the floor. Nurse Fernandez then began administering CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was retrieved and pads were placed onto Inmate Surratt's chest, but did not call for "shock" to be used. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) was called, and additional medical staff arrived to assist Nurses Fernandez and Bullard. Mr. Surratt was reportedly making sounds and swatting away at Nurses as they attempted to place an oxygen mask over his nose and mouth. EMS arrived at the facility at approximately 1033 and charge of the scene. After assessing Mr. Surratt and administering aid, he was placed onto the stretcher and loaded into the awaiting ambulance, which departed the facility at approximately 1051 to Christus Spohn Shoreline Hospital Emergency Room. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, Texas Surratt was pronounced dead at 1108. At that time Nueces County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Cynthia Garza with the Criminal Investigative Division and Texas Department of Public Safety-Texas Ranger Max Honesto were notified. The cause of death is unknown at this time pending the results of the autopsy.