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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1105-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/26/2024 2:06 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: Charles

Middle Name: Korey

Last Name: Thomas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/22/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/31/2023 11:27 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/9/2023 7:19 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:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cardiac Hypertrophy in conjunction with emphysema.

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: Natural.

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:	5/31/2023 11:27 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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 Peace Officer / Judge - F2

Offense 2:

Criminal Mischief>=$50<$500 - MB

Offense 3:

Unauthorized Use of Vehicle - SJF

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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):	Yes	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 Wednesday August 9th, 2023 at approximately 6:50 a.m., a Dallas County Sheriff Detention Service Officer (DSO) was conducting a physical round in tank 4P10, located within the Dallas County West Tower Jail Facility, 111 W. Commerce Street, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas 75207-4313. During this time, the DSO reported observing Dallas County Inmate Charles Korey Thomas B/M 10-22-1981 (Decedent) Booking Number 23021681 unresponsive within his single cell (G).
Medical assistance was requested. Parkland Jail Health Medical Staff Members and Dallas Fire Rescue personnel responded to the Decedent's Cell. At 7:19 a.m., Dallas Fire Rescue personnel (J. Knickerbocker) Pronounced the Decedent as deceased and did not transport due to signs of death (post-mortem lividity/rigor mortis).
On Thursday August 10th, 2023 an autopsy was performed by Medical Examiner with the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office. the results of the examination are currently pending.

Addressing question 19: The Decedent was found unresponsive within a single cell which was also located within a multiple occupancy tank where inmates could meet.

DSO SVC #23-045094
Dallas County Medical Examiner ISF #23-15324

Office of the Medical Examiner
Cause of Death Report

An Autopsy was performed and the cause of death is:
Cardiac hypertrophy in conjunction with emphysema.
Manner of Death: Natural.

Examining Pathologist:
Melinda Flores, M.D.
10-06-2023