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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1223-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/13/2024 12:39 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Randall County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	9100 S. Georgia St.
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79118		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Christopher
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Forbis		
Reporter Name:	Matt Stockstill	Reporter Email:	mstockstill@rc-sheriff.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michele

Middle Name: Jo

Last Name: Allen

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/9/1972 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/8/2023 8:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/11/2023 4:17 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:

Blood Loss Due to Pericolonic Hematoma/Leukocytoclastic Vasculitis of Colon

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

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: 1501 South Coulter
City: Amarillo
County: Potter
Zip: 79106

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

North West Texas 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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 8/11/2023 4:17 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:

Capias Pro Fine Driving While License Invalid

Offense 2:

Capias Pro Fine Maintain Financial Responsibility

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Class C Offenses

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 August 11th 2023, at approximately 1:20am Officer Wheeler was conducting wellness checks in 1-B pod when he arrived at Allen’s assigned cell (6) he noticed that Allen was laying on the floor. Allen was initially responsive to Officer Wheeler’s questions but quickly became unresponsive. Officer Wheeler called via radio for our medical staff and additional officers to respond. Upon the arrival of additional Officers, officers entered the cell and began providing medical aid to Allen. Cpl. Sarver requested an ambulance. Allen was placed in a wheelchair and was taken to Medical. The ambulance arrived and Allen was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital. At approximately 2:15am Amarillo Police Department relieved our officer and took possession of Allen, in accordance with our contract.
At approximately 4:45am, the Amarillo Police Department notified us that Allen had passed away. Potter County Justice of Peace Thomas Jones recorded the time of death was at 4:17am and ordered an autopsy. This in custody death is being investigated by Texas Ranger Scott Swick.