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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1227-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/16/2024 4:27 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Wise County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 Rook Ramsey Dr.
Agency City:	Decatur	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76234		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Lane
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Akin		
Reporter Name:	Craig Johnson	Reporter Email:	johnsonc@sheriff.co.wise.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: JONAH

Middle Name: LEE

Last Name: LACKEY

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/14/1996 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/21/2023 5:48 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/27/2023 1:00 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Toxic effects of methamphetamine.

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

Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	200 ROOK RAMSEY	City:	DECATUR
County:	Wise	Zip:	76234

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

COUNTY JAIL

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: 8/21/2023 5:48 PM

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:

Burglary of Habitation

Offense 2:

Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon

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; Crime Against Property

Type of Offense, Other:

Possession of Firearm by Felon

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health

problems?:	No	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?:	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 08-27-2023, at approximately 1127 hours, Officer Peterson was conducting normal safety cell check rounds. During his rounds Officer Peterson witnessed inmate Jonah Lackey displaying seizure-like symptoms. The seizure-like symptoms were described by jail staff as screaming and throwing his arms around. Officer Peterson entered the cell and attempted to communicate with Inmate Lackey. Inmate Lackey was unresponsive to Officer Peterson's questions. Officer Peterson called for assistance and additional jail staff arrived. Inmate Lackey continued move his body in an erratic manner. Jail staff was unable communicate with Inmate Lackey or check his vitals. Inmate Lackey was removed from his cell and taken to the booking area. At 1139 hours, EMS was requested for Inmate Lackey. At approximately 1144 hours, EMS arrived and began evaluation and care of Inmate Lackey. At approximately 1150 hours EMS transported Inmate Lackey from the Wise County Jail to Wise Regional Hospital. At approximately 1300 hours, Inmate Lackey died at the Wise Regional Hospital ER.

Texas Ranger Job Espinoza was notified of Inmate Lackey's death. Ranger Espinoza responded to the Wise County Jail and conducted an investigation into Inmate Lackey's death. Ranger Espinoza's investigation revealed Inmate Lackey ingested a substance believed to be an illegal narcotic that had been secreted into the jail cell Inmate Lackey shared with other inmates. Inmate Lackey began behaving erratically shortly after ingesting the substance. Inmate Lackey was discovered by Officer Peterson after he became symptomatic.

Ranger Espinoza's final report indicates the substance Inmate Lackey ingested was methamphetamine. Multiple cell mates of Inmate Lackey admitted knowing Inmate Lackey possessed the methamphetamine. However, none of them made report of the methamphetamine until this incident. No information obtained during Ranger Espinoza's investigation revealed any other factors leading to Inmate Lackey's death. Ranger Espinoza conducted an in-custody death case review with the Wise County District Attorney's Office. The

District Attorney's Office's opinion was that no crimes were committed by any involved Deputies or Correction Officers of the Wise County Sheriff's Office. Ranger Espinoza's investigation was closed.

An autopsy was conducted on Inmate Lackey at the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences, Case #IFS-23-16671. The results of the autopsy are documented in the final autopsy report. The findings are: Manner of Death - Accidental, Cause of Death - Toxic effects of methamphetamine.