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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1359-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/11/2024 10:50 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Anderson County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	1200 E. Lacy Street
Agency City:	Palestine	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75801		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Flores		
Reporter Name:	TJ Choate	Reporter Email:	tchoate@co.anderson.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rodney

Middle Name: Lynn

Last Name: McKenzie

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/24/1976

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/6/2023 12:39 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/7/2023 10:57 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:

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: Not Applicable

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:	1200 East Lacy Street	City:	Palestine
County:	Anderson	Zip:	75801

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:	10/6/2023 12:39 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:

No Drivers License (Warrant)

Offense 2:

Drive Wrong Way on a One Way (Warrant)

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:

Non violent crime. Two outstanding traffic warrants.

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?:	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 10-05-2023, at approximately 11:59 pm, Rodney Lynn McKenzie (47) was arrested by the Frankston Police Department on two outstanding traffic warrants issued by Anderson County Justice Court, Precinct #2. McKenzie was transported to the Anderson County Jail, screened for acceptance by the medical staff and booked into jail. McKenize was placed in a holding cell in the booking area from approximately 1:30 am until 1:00 pm on 10-06-2023, when he was moved to an assigned cell. On the morning of 10-07-2023, jail staff observed McKenzie moving about inside the cell at approximately 6:00 am and again at about 9:30 am. At approximately 10:05 am, inmates in the cell notified the control operator by intercom that McKenzie was in medical distress. Jail staff and medical personnel responded to the cell. McKenize was not alert or responsive but did have detectable vital signs (pulse and heartbeat). McKenzie was transported to the Palestine Regional Medical Center by ambulance. At 10:57 am, McKenzie passed away while being treated in the emergency room. The Texas Rangers were notified and are conducting an investigation