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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1687-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/9/2024 4:38 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Gregg County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	101 E. Methvin, Suite 559
Agency City:	Longview	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75601		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Maxey
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cerliano		
Reporter Name:	Jeff Callaway	Reporter Email:	jeff.callaway@co.gregg.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Anderson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/2/1959 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 64

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/3/2023 4:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/12/2023 2:02 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive and atherosclerotic 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: 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?: 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:	101 E Methvin Street	City:	Longview
County:	Gregg	Zip:	75602

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

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 - 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: 12/3/2023 4:30 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?: Yes

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:

Criminal Trespass

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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:

Criminal Trespass

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?:	Yes	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?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 December 12, 2023, at or about 1320 hours, Jailer Cameron Postins and Robbin Bullard were performing a scheduled floor walk at the North Facility of the Gregg County Jail when they found an inmate in a separation cell that would not respond when summoned. Consequently, Postins and Bullard, entered the cell and found inmate John Edward Anderson, B/M 8/2/1959 unresponsive.

Postins, Bullard, and other staff then began to provide medical aid to Anderson, which included CPR and the use of an AED. At about 1329 hours, Longview Fire/EMS arrived at the cell and took over lifesaving efforts, and eventually transported him to Christus Good Shepard Medical Center for further medical intervention.

At the hospital, Emergency Department staff continued to try and save Anderson for several minutes, and at approximately 1402 hours, Doctors pronounced Anderson dead.
Anderson was a homeless individual, in jail for criminal trespass, and he had been incarcerated at the time of his death for 10 days.

Upon booking, Anderson refused to complete the jail’s medical and psychological screenings, and in addition, Anderson was an exact CCQ match. Per protocol, he was consequently placed on a 30-minute suicide watch. At the time of his death, Anderson remained on suicide watch in Separation cell 9 at the North Facility. There were no signs of foul play or signs that would indicate a suicide attempt had been made by Anderson.
The cell was secured after Anderson was moved by EMS, and the Texas Rangers, assisted by Gregg County SO Investigators began an investigation into the death.

Autopsy results were received and reported as hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.