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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1781-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/3/2024 11:21 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Smith County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	227 N. Spring Ave.
Agency City:	Tyler	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75702		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Larry
Director Middle Name:	R		
Director Last Name:	Smith		
Reporter Name:	John Shoemaker	Reporter Email:	jshoemaker@smith-county.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name:	Susan
Middle Name:	Ann
Last Name:	Taylor
Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	4/13/1965
Sex:	Female
Race:	Black or African American
Age At Time Of Death:	58

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:	12/27/2023 12:05 PM

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

Death Date and Time:	12/27/2023 2:12 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death:	Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pulmonary embolism

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?:	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:	206 E. Elm St	City:	Tyler
County:	Smith	Zip:	75702

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:	3/27/2023 10:41 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:

Assault on Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Assault Public Servant

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: 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?: 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?:	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 12/27/2023 at approximately 1205 hours a code blue (medical emergency) was called in inmate pod T2C at the Smith County Jail. Inmate Susan Taylor had fainted in the dayroom and was not responsive. Smith County medical personnel arrived on scene and began life saving measures by doing CPR and deploying the AED device. EMS personnel were also notified and arrived on scene shortly after to take over medical care. Thereafter, Inmate Susan Taylor regained electric function in her heart and was transported to UT Health Hospital in Tyler, Texas via ambulance.

Once Susan Taylor arrived at the hospital, she lost her pulse once again and was pronounced deceased. Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Derrick Choice was dispatched to the hospital and pronounced Susan Taylor deceased at 1412. Susan Taylor was then transported by lighthouse mortuary for an autopsy. This case is being investigated by Texas Ranger Brian Hemati "