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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-205-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	2/27/2023 2:37 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hardin County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1990
Agency City:	Kountze	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77625		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Mark
Director Middle Name:	L		
Director Last Name:	Davis		
Reporter Name:	Mark Davis	Reporter Email:	mark.davis@co.hardin.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ronnie

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Gordon

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/5/1958 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 1/13/2023 6:57 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/31/2023 3:00 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

apparent heart attack, pending autopsy results

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:	300 Monroe	City:	Kountze
County:	Hardin	Zip:	77625

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 - 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:	1/13/2023 6:57 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

AGGRAVATED SEX ASSLT CHILD

Offense 2:

INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

Offense 3:

INDECENCY WITH A CHILD

Were the Charges:: Convicted

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?: 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:

Decedent was convicted and was awaiting transfer to TDCJ from the county jail. Decedent was examined by medical doctor inside the jail and the doctor ordered the decedent transported to local hospital for further examination. While waiting on ambulance to arrive, the decedent became unresponsive and showed signs of a possible heart attack. CPR was administered but unable to revive decedent.