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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-247-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/31/2024 2:27 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Tarrant County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 Taylor St., Plaza Bldg. 7th Floor
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76196		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Waybourn		
Reporter Name:	Clifton Shelton	Reporter Email:	cjshelton@tarrantcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: George

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Zink

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/4/1965 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 57

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/23/2022 5:35 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/15/2023 9:18 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:

Sepsis due to ischemic bowel

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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:	100 N Lamar	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76196

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:	11/23/2022 5:35 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:

Indecent Exposure PC21.08(b)

Offense 2:

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: 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?:	Yes	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 02/15/2023, Detention Officer T. Kolawole #76126 notified the Tarrant County Medical team that Inmate Zink had not eating lunch or dinner. RN Kwoke requested that Inmate Zink be escorted to the medical floor. Detention Officer Montiel got a wheelchair and helped Inmate Zink into the wheelchair and then escorted Inmate Zink to the medical unit to be seen by medical staff. Once in the medical unit, medical personnel requested MedStar ambulance to be contacted to transported Inmate Zink to John Peter Smith Hospital. Before the ambulance arrived, medical personnel began performing CPR on ZInk. When Fort Worth Fire Department arrived on scene, they continued chest compressions using the Lucas machine. MedStar ambulance transported Inmate Zink to John Peter Smith Hospital. At John Peter Smith Hospital at approximately 21:18 hours, Doctor H. Campbell pronounced Inmate Zink deceased. Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office retrieved Inmate Zink from the hospital and transported him the Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. As on 03/13/2023, the autopsy results are still pending.

As of 01/31/2024, cause of death is listed as natural due to sepsis due to ischemic bowl.