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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-397-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/13/2023 11:24 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Henderson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	206-A N. Murchison
Agency City:	Athens	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75751		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Botie
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hillhouse		
Reporter Name:	David Faught	Reporter Email:	dfaught@henderson-county.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Christopher

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Jones

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/31/1975 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 3/1/2023 6:13 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/7/2023 3:21 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Deceased had a history of stroke and heart disease which are suspected cause of death.

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:	206 A. North Murchison	City:	Athens
County:	Henderson	Zip:	75751

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:	3/1/2023 3:14 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?:	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:

Driving While Intoxicated

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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:

While conducting cell checks a Detention Officer observed Deceased on floor of cell with pants down beside the toilet. Detention Officer observed deceased to be breathing heavily. Detention Officer called for assistance and officers entered the cell. Officers stated they were talking to deceased and he was speaking back but it was mumbled. Detention Officers were helping deceased to his bunk when he collapsed in their arms. Detention Officers observed deceased to have stopped breathing and initiated CPR and called for an ambulance. Detention Officers retrieved an AED and attempted to utilize the AED on the deceased. Emergency Medical Services arrived and also attempted the use of their AED. During this incident neither AED sent a shock. Emergency Medical Services transported the deceased to UT Health-Athens emergency room where he was pronounced deceased at 3:21 A.M.
Texas Ranger Brian Hamati and Henderson County District Attorney Investigator Michael Hill were called in to investigate the death in custody. The deceased was transported to American Forensics in Mesquite, Texas for an autopsy. Ranger Hamati attended the autopsy. The autopsy results have not been received at the time of this report.