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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-403-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/15/2023 7:50 AM	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: Heidiann

Middle Name: Renee

Last Name: Gitts

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/2/1990 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/20/2023 1:36 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/20/2023 8:49 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: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

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mixed drug toxicity (fentanyl, methamphetamine)

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?:	Could not be determined

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:	76102

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:
Hospital/Infirmary

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:	3/18/2023 12:00 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?:	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:

POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G (481.115(c)) - F3

Offense 2:

POSS CS PG 3 < 28G (481.117(b)) – MA,

Offense 3:

THEFT PROP >=$100<$750 (31.03(e)(2)(A)) - MB.

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:	Alcohol / drug offense; Crime Against Property

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?:	Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	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:

Please allow this to serve as the first notification of the in-custody death of Tarrant County Inmate GITTS, HEIDIANN RENEE, white female, DOB: 05/2/1990 CID #1008253, who had been house at the Tarrant County Jail at 100 N Lamar St, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76196. Inmate Gitts had been in TCSO custody since 03/18/2023 on three charges, POSS CS PG 3 < 28G (481.117(b)) – MA, POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G (481.115(c)) - F3 and THEFT PROP >=$100<$750 (31.03(e)(2)(A)) - MB. Inmate Gitts was housed under detox protocols following her booking into the Tarrant County Jail.
Inmate Gitts died on Monday, March 20, 2023 at approximately 2049 hours at John Peter Smith Hospital. Inmate Gitts was transported to John Peter Smith Hospital via ambulance on March 20, 2023 at around 1306 hours after experiencing a medical emergency in the shower area of her pod (63D 100 N Lamar, Fort Worth, Texas) on this date.
The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office was notified and took possession of Inmate Gitts. Tarrant County Sheriff’s Detective Ramon Garcia RMGarcia@tarrantcounty.com 817-884-1272 has been assigned the death investigation (TCSO report 2023-03854). The Fort Worth Police Department Major Case Unit will perform an independent review of the case. Further documentation and reports will follow the investigation as they become available.
Sergeant Richard Harwell