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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-903-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/25/2023 3:24 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Rusk County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	210 Charlevoir
Agency City:	Henderson	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75652		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Johnwayne
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Valdez		
Reporter Name:	Brett Maisel	Reporter Email:	bmaisel@rcsotx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Johnny

Middle Name: Charles

Last Name: Bradley

Suffix: Mr.

Date of Birth: 8/6/1961

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/15/2023 8:56 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/23/2023 5:15 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:

Preliminary autopsy report indicates that the death was due to natural causes - cardiovascular disease/heart attack.

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:	210 Charlevoix	City:	Henderson
County:	Rusk	Zip:	75652

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:	2/15/2023 8:56 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:

Aggravated Robbery - Indictment from incident occurring August of 2022

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon - indictment from incident occurring August of 2022.

Offense 3:

N/A

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:

Mr. Bradley had been in the Rusk County jail since February 15, 2023, after being indicted on two felony charges for violent conduct while armed with a handgun. Mr. Bradley was believed to be hypertensive but consistently refused medication and medical treatment. Mr. Bradley was believed to be mentally ill and was on the "Clearing House List" (#826.) Mr. Bradley had a history of mental health issues and has demonstrated behaviors suggesting that he was indeed mentally ill. On the afternoon of July 23, 2023, while in his single person cell, Mr. Bradley was found unresponsive on his bed by RCSO jail staff. CPR was administered by jail staff and an ambulance was summoned. Mr. Bradley was transported by ambulance from the RCSO jail to the emergency room at UT Health in Henderson where he was eventually pronounced deceased at 5:15 p.m. on July 23, 2023.