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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-941-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/6/2024 1:13 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Leslie

Middle Name: Joron

Last Name: Thackston

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/23/1979

Sex: Female

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/15/2023 9:47 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/18/2023 7:44 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Toxic effects of fentanyl.

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?:	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:	5200Harry Hines Blvd.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75235

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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 - multiple occupancy 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: 7/15/2023 9:47 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:

Insufficient Bond - Theft Property >=$750<$2,500

Offense 2:

Insufficient Bond - Theft Property >=$750<$2,500

Offense 3:

Insufficient Bond - Theft Property >+$100<$750

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of 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?: No

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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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 July 15, 2023, at approximately 9:47 p.m., Thackston, Leslie Joron B/F 04-23-1979 (Decedent) was booked into the Dallas County Jail - Lew Sterrett Justice Center by the Dallas Police Department on the charges of Insufficient Bond Theft of Property >+$750<$2,500 Warrant #M2142700, Insufficient Bond Theft of Property >+$750<$2,500 Warrant #M21409005, and Insufficient Bond Theft of Property >=$100<$750 Warrant #2025117.
On July 18, 2023, the Decedent was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital (PMH) with Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in progress. Parkland Memorial Hospital Dr. Sarah Wells pronounced the Decedent deceased at 7:44 a.m.
On July 19, 2023, the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on the Decedent, the results are pending.

Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas
Office of the Medical Examiner
Autopsy Report

FINDINGS:
1. Toxic effects of fentanyl:
A. See toxicology.
B. Pulmonary edema.
2. Reported history of opiate abuse.
3. Hypertensive cardiovascular disease:
A. Cardiomegaly (490 g) with left ventricular hypertrophy.
B. Granular kidneys.
C. Clinical history of hypertension.
4 Systemic lupus erythematosus.
5. Pleomorphic adenoma, 1 x 0.7 cm (incidental finding).

6. Attempted resuscitation.
7. By history, the decedent was found unresponsive in bed at a jail. It was reported that there were several recent fentanyl overdoses at this jail.

CONCLUSIONS:
Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Leslie Joron Thackston, a 44-year-old black female, died as a result of the toxic effects of fentanyl.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident

Emily Ogden, M.D.
Medical Examiner
08-25-2023