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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1099-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/30/2024 1:51 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Potter County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	13103 NE 29th
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79111		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Brian
Director Middle Name:	L.		
Director Last Name:	Thomas		
Reporter Name:	Kristy Phillips	Reporter Email:	sokdp@co.potter.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Van

Middle Name: To

Last Name: Houang

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/5/1966

Sex: Male

Race: Asian or Pacific Islander

Age At Time Of Death: 58

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/12/2024 11:45 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/29/2024 5:10 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

CAUSE OF DEATH SEPSIS DUE TO PNEUMONIA

Medical Cause of Death:

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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?: Unknown

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	13100 NE 29th	City:	Amarillo
County:	Potter	Zip:	79111

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:	1/12/2024 1:35 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:

Aggravated Assault Against Public Servant

Offense 2:

Arson

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: Violent Crime Against Persons; 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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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 Saturday, 07-27-2024, inmate Houang, Van was housed in High Observation Single Cell B-04. Officers advised the on duty supervisor that Houang had several uneaten trays in his cell. The supervisor spoke with Houang and offered him food and drink which Houang did not respond to. After trying to speak with Houang, the supervisor believed Houang did not respond and interact in his normal fashion. The supervisor contacted Medical staff and after they assessed Houang it was determined to send him to Nort West Texas Hospital (NWTH) for further medical care. On Sunday, 07-28-2024, we received information from NWTH that Houang's condition was continuing to deteriorate to include his kidney's were shutting down; mid morning Monday, 07-29-2024 NWTH was advising Houang had not improved with dialysis and other treatments. Houang passed away on Monday, 07-29-2024 at 1710 hrs under a doctor's care at NWTH. Texas Ranger Swick was contacted and is conducting the investigation and did come out to NWTH. JP Jones was contacted and an autopsy was approved to be conducted Wednesday, 07-31-2024.