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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1159-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/8/2024 8:03 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:	Richard Harwell	Reporter Email:	rbharwell@tarrantcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mclendon

Middle Name:

Last Name: Caldwell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/7/1955 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 68

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/11/2024 9:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/12/2024 3:35 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Sepsis (Staphylococcus Aureus) due to Diabetes Mellitus

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:	600 w weatherford	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:
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:	2/2/2024 6:27 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:

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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: 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: Unknown

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Other device, specify
Other device, specify:	soft restraints

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

first notification of the in-custody death of Tarrant County Inmate CALDWELL, MCLENDON, black male, DOB: 10/7/1955 CID # 0873313, who had been housed at the Tarrant County Jail/Lon Evans Corrections Center at 600 W Weatherford St, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76196. Inmate Caldwell had been in TCSO custody since 02/2/2024 on one (1) charge(s), HARASSMENT OF PUBLIC SERVANT (22.11(b)) - F3. Inmate Caldwell died on 07/12/2024 at approximately 0335 hours at John Peter Smith Hospital. Inmate Caldwell had been found unresponsive in his cell of LECC/74/B/06/01 at around 1000 hours on 07/11/2024.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office was notified and took possession of Inmate Caldwell. Tarrant County Sheriff’s Detective Bruce Mosley BLMosley@tarrantcountytx.gov 817-884-1305 has been assigned the death investigation (TCSO report 2024-09658). The Collin County Sheriff's Office will perform an independent investigation of the case. Further documentation and reports will follow the investigation as they become available.

The autopsy report shows the manner of death to be Natural and the cause of death to be sepsis (staphylococcus aureus) due to diabetes.