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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1582-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/2/2024 3:44 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: Ronnie

Middle Name: Wayland

Last Name: Keith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/5/1948 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 76

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/1/2024 1:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/27/2024 9:33 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: Complications of discitis and osteomyelitis.
CONTRIBUTORY CONDITION: Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus

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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:	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?:	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: 1501 Coulter St
City: Amarillo
County: Potter
Zip: 79106

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: Private Facility

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: 3/1/2024 1:45 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?: Yes

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 Child Pornography 10 counts of.

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: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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

Ronnie Wayland Keith was arrested and booked into the Potter County Detention Center on March 01, 2024. Inmate Keith was charged with 10 counts of Possession of Child Pornography. Inmate Keith was in poor health at the beginning of his incarceration. Inmate Keith was sent to the hospital numerous times. On October 19, 2024, inmate Keith was sent to the hospital for weakness and concerning vital signs. Inmate Keith was discharged from the hospital and returned to the detention center on November 6,2024. The medical staff found inmate Keith to be too weak to care for himself without extensive supervision. Inmate Keith was sent back to the hospital on November 6, 2024, within hours of returning to the detention center. Inmate Keith was readmitted to the hospital and placed in the Intensive Care Unit. Inmate Keith remained in the hospital from November 6,2024, and his health continued to decline. On November 27, 2024, inmate Keith passed away under a doctor's care at 2133 hours. Texas Ranger Swick was contacted and is conducting the investigation and did come out to NWTH. Justice of the Peace Robert Taylor was contacted, an autopsy was approved and will be conducted Tuesday, December 3, 2024.