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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-159-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/9/2024 9:42 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: Russell

Middle Name:

Last Name: Qualls

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/4/1980

Sex: Male

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: 1/9/2024 11:17 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/9/2024 11:17 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:

Fentanyl and Trazodone Toxicity

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?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	100 N Lamar	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:	4/12/2023 12:00 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Scene of incident

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:

Murder

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: 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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

In-custody death of Tarrant County Inmate QUALLS, RUSSELL, black male, DOB: 1/4/1980 CID #0576388, who had been house at the Tarrant County Jail at 100 N Lamar St, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76196. Inmate Qualls had been in TCSO custody since 04/12/2023 on one charge(s), MURDER (19.02(c)) - F1.

Inmate Qualls was found unresponsive on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at the Tarrant County Jail in his cell of 59B 39 at around 1055 hours. Inmate Qualls was pronounced deceased by MedStar at 1117 hours.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office was notified and took possession of Inmate Qualls. Tarrant County Sheriff’s Detective Ramon Garcia RMGarcia@tarrantcounty.com 817-884-1272 has been assigned the death investigation (TCSO report 2024-00412). The Haltom City Police Department will conduct an independent investigation of the case. TCME Autopsy and Tox Results show death as Accident Fentanyl and Trazodone Toxicity.