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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1682-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/3/2025 7:44 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: Vernon

Middle Name: Eugene

Last Name: Ramsey

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/19/1973 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/2/2024 1:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/2/2024 2:58 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cause: Hypertensive Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease
Significant Contributing Conditions: 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:	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:	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 - day room/recreation area

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:	9/10/2024 12:00 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:

SEX ABUSE OF CHILD CONTINUOUS: VICTIM UNDER 14 (21.02(b)) - F1

Offense 2:

SEX ABUSE OF CHILD CONTINUOUS: VICTIM UNDER 14 (21.02(b)) - F1

Offense 3:

SEX ABUSE OF CHILD CONTINUOUS: VICTIM UNDER 14 (21.02(b)) - F1

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):	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	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:

First notification of the in-custody death of Tarrant County Inmate RAMSEY, VERNON EUGENE, white male, DOB: 09/19/1973 CID # 1039769, who had been housed at the Tarrant County Corrections Center located at 100 N. Lamar Street, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76196. Inmate Ramsey had been in TCSO custody since 09/10/2024 on six (6) charge(s), SEX ABUSE OF CHILD CONTINUOUS: VICTIM UNDER 14 (21.02(b)) - F1, SEX ABUSE OF CHILD CONTINUOUS: VICTIM UNDER 14 (21.02(b)) - F1, SEX ABUSE OF CHILD CONTINUOUS: VICTIM UNDER 14 (21.02(b)) - F1, SEX ABUSE OF CHILD CONTINUOUS: VICTIM UNDER 14 (21.02(b)) - F1, AGG SEXUAL ASSAULT CHILD (22.021(a)(2)(B)) - F1, AGG SEXUAL ASSAULT CHILD (22.021(a)(2)(B)) - F1. Inmate Ramsey was pronounced deceased on 12/02/2024 at approximately 1458 hours at John Peter Smith Hospital. Inmate Ramsey had suffered a medical episode in the common area of housing unit 60B at approximately 1345 hours and was transported to John Peter Smith Hospital where he became unresponsive.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office was notified and took possession of Inmate Ramsey. Tarrant County Sheriff’s Detective Matthew Groessel MFGroessel@tarrantcountytx.gov 817-884-3649 has been assigned the death investigation (TCSO report 2024-16278). 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.