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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1689-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/7/2025 10:30 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Galveston County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	601 54th St., Ste 2100
Agency City:	Galveston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77551		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Henry
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Trochesset		
Reporter Name:	Cody Schlageter	Reporter Email:	cody.schlageter@co.galveston.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rodney

Middle Name: Wendell

Last Name: Woodfolk

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 4/26/1957

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 67

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/5/2024 4:56 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/20/2024 1:40 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:

Gastrointestinal hemorrhage

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?: 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?: Could not be determined

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:	5700 Avenue H	City:	Galveston
County:	Galveston	Zip:	77551

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:
Correctional/Rehabilitation Facility

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:	9/5/2024 4:56 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:

Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More IAT

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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?:	No
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):	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:

Rodney Woodfolk was housed in E200 in the Galveston County Jail and began having what appeared to be a seizure on 12/20/2024 at approximately 12:00pm. The deputy assigned to E200 called over the phone/radio for a medical emergency. Medical staff arrived shortly after and transported Woodfolk to the jail clinic for further diagnosis/treatment. Shortly after arriving to the clinic, Woodfolk became unresponsive and 911 was called for EMS. Vital Core (medical contract company) staff began life saving measures until EMS and first responders arrived. Shortly after EMS/first responders arrived, Woodfolk was transported to the University of Texas Medical Branch hospital in Galveston, where he was pronounced deceased at 1:40pm.