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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-537-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/22/2024 4:32 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Kaufman County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	P.O BOX 849
Agency City:	Kaufman	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75142		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bryan
Director Middle Name:	W		
Director Last Name:	Beavers		
Reporter Name:	Lori Compton	Reporter Email:	lori.compton@kaufmanso.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Donald

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Ashby

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/1/1965 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 58

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/6/2024 10:51 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/17/2024 5:00 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:

Result of atherosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease in conjunction with obesity.

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:	1900 E US Hwy 175	City:	Kaufman
County:	Kaufman	Zip:	75142

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:
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:	4/6/2024 10:51 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:

Man Del CS PG 1 >4g <200g

Offense 2:

Poss CS PG 1/1B >1g <4g

Offense 3:

No DL

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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:	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:

Inmate Ashby was housed in the Infirmary of the Detention Facility so that the medical staff could monitor him for possible heroin withdrawal. The contract Physician's Assistant and head nurse went into the cell with a Detention Officer to speak to inmate Ashby about rehousing to general population and noticed that he seemed to be looking at them but not responding verbally. The PA and nurse began to take vitals as he was breathing and had a shallow pulse as they were taking his vitals his pulse stopped and he stopped breathing. CPR was started by the staff and medical team. EMS was called and responded to our location. Inmate Ashby was transported to Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman where he was pronounced dead.