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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-338-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/5/2025 4:02 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: Kent

Middle Name: Sylvester

Last Name: Cottrell

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 10/19/1982

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/26/2025 9:04 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/1/2025 5:52 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: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Undetermined.

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?: Could not be determined

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

Means of Death: Unknown

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:
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:	4/26/2025 9:04 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Dead on arrival at 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 PG1 >4g <200g

Offense 2:

Man/Del CS PG 2 or 2A >4g <200g

Offense 3:

Prohibited Weapon

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes

Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	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:	Unknown		

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:

On Thursday, May 1, 2025, at approximately 1636 inmate Kent Cottrell was found on floor of his single cell A10B5 unresponsive. Detention Officers began to assess the situation, and medical personnel were called and responded to the location at approximately 1638. The medical personnel assessed the inmate and immediately began administering first aid to the inmate. Care Flight / EMS were called and responded to the scene at 1650 to take over administering first aid. Inmate Cottrell was transported to the Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman via ambulance and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.