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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-352-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/9/2025 10:45 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Austin County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	417 N. Chesley St..
Agency City:	Bellville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77418		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Jack
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brandes		
Reporter Name:	Donald Darracq	Reporter Email:	donaldd@austincountyso.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Dewayne

Last Name: Portis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/8/1974

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/1/2025 2:51 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/8/2025 5:07 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Diabetic Ketoacidosis

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:	Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	417 N. Chesley St	City:	Bellville
County:	Austin	Zip:	77418

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:	5/1/2025 2:51 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?:	Yes

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:

Possession of controlled substance PG 1/1-b >=1g,4g

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):	Yes	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 standoff?:	N/A	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:

On 05/05/2025 around 1739 hours, decedent was moved, for his safety, to separation cell 3 after being assaulted by two
Other inmates reported decedent walking around naked and “talking crazy”. Decedent refused medical attention post as
had him examined by jail nurse on 5/6/2025 around 0727 hours. and found to be ok.
On 05/07/2025 around 0754 hours, jail sergeant contacted the jail doctor to inform him that decedent was detoxing and
staff helped him up and attempted to get decedent to eat and drink fluids. The jail doctor advised he would instruct the ja
decedent’s vitals and that the jail staff should continue attempting to get decedent to drink fluids. Jail sergeant advised ja
nurse would not be working that day. Jail doctor acknowledged and advised jail sergeant to phone him if anything chang
On 5/7/2025 around 11:45 hours, decedent was placed on “medical watch” (15 minute checks).
On 5/8/2025 around 0320 hours, jailer checked on decedent and became concerned whether decedent was breathing.
jail sergeant to assist. When decedent was rolled over, jail sergeant noticed a small quantity of vomit on the floor and de
breathing. Jail sergeant directed jail staff, via radio, to contact emergency medical services (EMS) and directed the jailer
Jail captain and jail lieutenant were both contacted and advised of the situation. EMS arrived and advised the jail sergea
able to get a pulse. Decedent was transported, by ambulance to Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital and pronounced on 0
0507 hours.
Texas Rangers were notified and responded to conduct the investigation.
Texas Jail Commission was notified.
Decedent was sent for autopsy – result pending

Autopsy Report dated May 9, 2025 - Cause of Death: Diabetic Ketoacidosis Manner of Death: Natural