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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-501-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/3/2025 8:55 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		

Reporter Name:	Youashavion Williams	Reporter Email:	youashavion.williams@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: BARIS

Middle Name: JOE

Last Name: HARGROW

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/20/1959 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/28/2024 9:44 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/21/2025 11:27 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:

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Based on the available case history and autopsy findings, it is the opinion of Medical Examiner Grant Herndon D.O. that Baris Joe Hargrow, a 65-year-old male, died as a result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

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?: 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:	111 WEST COMMERCE STREET	City:	DALLAS
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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:	3/28/2024 11:39 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:

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON

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: Violent Crime Against Persons

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

KNIFE

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?:	Yes
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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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 June 21, 2025, at approximately 10:18 p.m., Dallas County Sheriff Department Jail personnel were conducting a "walk-through" inspection during shift change. They observed Inmate, Baris Joe Hargrow B/M 12/20/1959 (Decedent) (AKA Baris Hargrove), sitting on the toilet, slumped over and unresponsive, in his assigned single cell. They (Jail staff) called for additional staff and medical personnel who responded and began life saving procedures (CPR). The Decedent was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital (PHM) and upon arrival, was pronounced deceased at 11:27 p.m., by Dr. Ashlyn Cooper.

On June 23, 2025 @ 8:00am, Dallas County Medical Examiner Grant Herndon conducted an autopsy on the decedent. The following were the findings out the autopsy:
1. Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease:
Mild-to-severe (10to >90%) atherosclerotic stenosis of all major coronary arteries
Status-post coronary arterial stenting
Multifocal left ventricular scarring
Mild to Moderate aortic atherosclerosis
Mild cerebrovascular atherosclerosis
Mild arterial and arteriolar nephrosclerosis
Pleural and pericardial effusions

Medical history of hypertension
2. Postmortem toxicology findings non-contributory to death
3. No evidence of traumatic injury
4. Attempted Resuscitation
5. History that the decedent was found unresponsive in his single occupancy jail cell

Conclusion:
Based on the available case history and autopsy findings, it is the opinion of Medical Examiner Grant Herndon D.O. that Baris Joe Hargrow, a 65-year-old male, died as a result of hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Manner of Death: NATURAL

Dallas County Sheriff's Department
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