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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	549	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Mansfield Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX2202000
Agency Phone:	8172764700	Agency Address:	1305 E. Broad Street
Agency City:	Mansfield	Agency County:	Tarrant
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	76063

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Tracy

Director Middle Name:

L.

Director Last Name:

Aaron

Reporter Name: Gary L. Fowler Reporter Email: gary.fowler@mansfieldtexas.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2700 E. Broad St.

City: Mansfield

County: Tarrant

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody:

Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - single cell

Custody Type 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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jeremiah

Middle Name: John

Last Name: Gillispie

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/6/1982 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 2/28/2016 12:53 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

2/27/2016 5:06 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 Causes/Illness

Manner of Death Description:

Heart Disease

Death Reason:

Medical condition only (e.g. heart attack)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Atherosclerotic Cariovascular Disease

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; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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?:

Don\'t know

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

Means of Death:

Not applicable; cause of death was intoxication or illness/natural causes

General Information

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

Offense 2:

Possession of a Dangerous Drug

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by NA

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	Exhibit any mental health problems?:	
Exhibit any medical problems?:			

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Threaten the officer(s) involved:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Try to escape/flee from custody:	No	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No

Other Behavior:

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Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	0

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:

~~Mansfield Law Enforcement Center TIMELINE OF EVENTS Revision 1: March 24, 2016 @ 1700hrs The following chronological timeline details the activity and events surrounding the investigation of Jeremiah Gillispie and his medical emergency. The details and times relayed below were collected from police interviews, officer reports, facility logs, and video surveillance camera review and should be considered

approximate in nature. On Saturday, February 27, 2016, at about 1649 hours, Officer Herlihy was dispatched to a drunk driver call as called in by a citizen and an off-duty police officer. Herlihy is provided with a description of the vehicle. Once in the area, Herlihy locates the suspect vehicle and conducts a traffic stop. The driver is identified as Jeremiah Gillispie, a white male, date of birth 08/06/82. Herlihy suspects Mr. Gillispie is under the influence of a drug or narcotic as he notes he does not smell alcohol. Herlihy conducts a series of field sobriety tests and determines Mr. Gillispie is impaired. At 1706 hours Mr. Gillispie is taken into custody. The following events were recorded via the Mansfield Law Enforcement Center video surveillance system and reviewed by Captain Robinson following the incident. At 1735 hours, an MPD vehicle arrives in the sally port at 1601 Heritage. The video reveals that MPD Officer Herlihy exits the vehicle with one inmate, Mr. Gillispie. The inmate is escorted into the safety vestibule where he was searched and turned over to the jail staff. The inmate was screened for medical information and the correction officer was told that the inmate takes anti-depressants. Afterwards, the inmate was escorted into the receiving hallway. At 1755 hours, the inmate was placed into Holdover 52 with other inmates to await the booking process. The inmate was noted to be unsteady which was consistent with the charge of DWI. The inmate took up a position in the corner of the holding cell to await the booking process. Many of following times were recorded on DVR #8, of the Jail video system. The times on the screen while the inmate is in cell 52(holding) and Segregation 103, are incorrect as the time on this DVR was slightly different from actual time. The times listed here in this report are the best approximation of the time that the events actually occurred. At 1757 hours, the inmate was seen to get up and walked to the bathroom area of the cell. Most of the inmate’s activity in this area is not seen because of the privacy wall. However, the inmate was in the area for an extended period of time and was moving about the area as if he was doing something other than just going to the bathroom. At 1809 hours, the video surveillance camera revealed the inmate had taken off his shoes as they could be seen on the floor underneath the partition. At 1812 hours, the inmate was seen to go to the floor. As it was later described he had a seizure. At 1819 hours, the inmate got back on his feet and returned to his blanket in the corner of the holding area. At 1838 hours, after the other inmates in the cell call about Gillispie, the nurses and several officers arrived in the cell. Nurse Barnes spoke with the inmate and learned that he believed he had a seizure and that he had in the past taken seizure medication. The nurse made notes about this matter and the medication mentioned by the inmate. The nurse knew the inmate was going down to medical for a blood draw, so the plan to administer medication was made. After taking the inmates vital signs and making her assessment, the inmate was left in the cell and he was instructed to lay on his mat in the floor for his safety. At 1901 hours, the inmate was transported to Segregation 103 to await the nurse’s blood draw and the administration of medication. At 1925 hours, Cpl. Higgins and Officer Bailey entered the inmate’s cell to check on him and provide him with another blanket. At 1936 hours, Corrections Officers and Police Officer Herlihy entered the cell to take the inmate to medical. The inmate was apparently sleeping and had trouble waking up. The inmate was cooperative, but was restrained during the blood draw for his safety. Additionally, the nurse administered seizure medication at this time. After the blood draw, the inmate was returned to his cell at 1949 hours. The inmate appeared angry with the officers as he threw his shoe at the door after the officers left the room. Gillispie is in single man segregation by himself not restrained. Over the next two and a half hours, checks of the inmate revealed small amounts of movement, as the inmate appeared to sleep under the blanket he had pulled over himself. February 28, 2016 At 0014 hours, Nurse Barnes checked on the inmate going inside the cell. Upon removing the blanket the nurse found the inmate was unresponsive. Medical actions were taken by the nurse. Paramedics with the Fire Department were summoned. Nurse Barnes, along with several officers, performed CPR and deployed the AED during the treatment of the inmate. At 0024 hours, the Mansfield Fire Department paramedics arrived on the scene and took over medical treatment of the inmate. At 0028 hours, Mansfield Fire staff removed the inmate from the cell and exited the building with the inmate as they were transporting the inmate to the hospital. Later at the hospital, Mr. Gillispie was pronounced dead by the emergency room doctor at 0053 hours. The cause and manner of the death has been deteremined by Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s office, Case # 1603339. As with standard procedure, the department is conducting an internal affairs investigation parallel to a death investigation conducted by the Mansfield Police Department with the assistance of the Texas Rangers. Tracy Aaron Chief of Police Mansfield