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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16457CJ	Report Date:	10/11/2016 4:34 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	743	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Runnels County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Number:	TX2000000
Agency Phone:	3253652121	Agency Address:	612 Strong Ave.
Agency City:	Ballinger	Agency County:	Runnels
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	76821

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

William

Director Middle Name:

A.

Director Last Name:

Baird

Reporter Name: Carl Squyres

Reporter Email: rcsheriff@co.runnels.tx.us

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 200 S. Hickory Hill

City: Ballinger

County: Runnels

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

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: 8/5/2016 4:49 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Layton

Middle Name: Dean

Last Name: Lusk

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/31/1959 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 10/10/2016 8:54 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

8/5/2016 4:49 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death:

Natural Causes/Illness

Manner of Death Description:

Cardiac Arrest

Death Reason:

Medical condition only (e.g. heart attack)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cardiac Arrest

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:

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Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Filed

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):	No	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:

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:

At approximately 08:17pm on 10-10-2016 I received a call from Runnels County jail Sgt. Steven Scrivener the above listed victim, who is an inmate at the Runnels County Jail, was unresponsive in the male area of the jail. Sgt. Scrivener told me EMS had been notified and was on their way, however, the Ballinger EMS unit was out of town on a transfer and Winters EMS was responding from Winters. I arrived at the jail at approximately 08:35pm same date. I went directly to the male area of the jail and found Winters EMS had arrived just a few minutes ahead of me. I noted a male inmate known to me as Layton Lusk laying on his back on the floor in the area the hallway winds to the left of the back control picket toward the control picket door. Lusks' head was pointing toward the rec yard and his feet were pointing down the hallway toward the cells. Winters EMS

personnel were intubating lusk while Runnels County inmate Abraham Vasquez was performing chest compressions. A short time later Winters EMS assisted by Runnels County Jail Administrator Jason Jouett and Ballinger PD officer Travis Baird loaded and transported Lusk to the Ballinger Memorial Hospital. I drove to the Ballinger Memorial Hospital a short time later. Doctor Bradly Bundrant, the attending physician a short time later declared Lusk deceased at 8:54pm. Dr. Bundrant explained he believed Lusk had suffered a massive heart attack. Texas Ranger Jason Shae was contacted to conduct the investigation. according to Runnels County Jailers who were on scene as well as several inmates who witnessed the incident said Lusk, who was a trustee and cleaning the halls in the male area of the jail suddenly fell over and became unresponsive. Runnels County Jailers Marciollette and Cortez immediately began CPR and called for further assistance. Both jailers and inmates said after CPR was started Lusk opened his eyes and vomited several times, each time he vomited he was turned and his mouth cleared. CPR was continued while in route to Ballinger Memorial Hospital.