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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: PA16110CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 3/15/2016 5:46 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Potter County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 608 S. Pierce

Agency City: Amarillo

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79101

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Brian

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Thomas

Reporter Name: Sgt BJ Chester

Reporter Email: bjchester@co.potter.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Dean

Last Name: Williams

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/2/1955

Sex: Male

Race:

Age At Time Of Death: 60

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/24/2015 12:05 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/11/2016 12:10 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Natural Causes/Illness

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending

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

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
intoxication or
illness/natural
causes

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1501 S. Coulter

City: Amarillo

County: Potter

Zip:

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category:

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?:

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:

Manufacture/Delivery of a controlled substance PG1

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:

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:

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

Attempt to Injure Others?:

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?:

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:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint: Yes

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Subject made complaint of medical issues to jail staff and was transferred to civilian hospital where he was diagnosed as having terminal cancer with a three month life expectancy. He was released back to jail after a week in the hospital. He was back in the housing area of the infirmary for approximately 3 hours when his condition took a turn for the worse and he was transported back to the hospital by ambulance. He was in the emergency room at Northwest Texas Hospital for treatment at the time of his death.