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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-360-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/10/2017 3:36 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Dallas Police Dept.

Agency Address: 1400 S. Lamar
Street

Agency City: Dallas

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75215

Director Information

Director Salutation: Other

Director First Name: Christina

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Smith

Reporter Name: Earnest Merritt

Reporter Email: e.merritt@dpd.dallascityhall.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Demonta

Middle Name: Le Emmitt

Last Name: Pinke

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/10/1995

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 21

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/7/2017 7:46 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/7/2017 8:38 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: Could not be
determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

After a complete autopsy, including toxicology, histology, and review of all available investigative information, the cause and manner of death cannot be determined with certainty.

It is possible that the cause of death is the toxic effects of a synthetic cannabinoid given that he appeared intoxicated prior to his death and acquaintances of the decedent reported that he had a history of synthetic cannabinoid use: although no one reported that the decedent used synthetic cannabinoids near the time of his death and the decedent did not admit to any drug ingestion. Postmortem blood was analyzed for a number of (but not all) synthetic cannabinoids at the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences, the University of California San Francisco, and at NMS labs, with all testing reported as negative for the presence of the specific synthetic cannabinoids for which testing was performed: however, it is possible that the decedent ingested a synthetic cannabinoid that was not able to be detected with the current testing performed at those laboratories. There are a myriad of synthetic cannabinoids with the number continuing to vastly expand as new drugs with little to no scientific data are developed by clandestine laboratories, making detection of many of the compounds difficult or impossible at the present time. Cardiac hypertrophy, commonly caused by hypertension, likely contributed to the cause of death. If additional information becomes available, the cause and/or manner of death may be amended.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

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

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1300 Ledbetter
Drive

City: Dallas

County: Dallas

Zip: 75216

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

Type of Custody: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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: 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:

Public Intoxication

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Medical / Mental
Health assistance
call

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?: 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: 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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On July 7, 2017, at approximately 7:46 p.m., officers responded to a 911 call regarding Subject Pinke. The subject was laying face down on the sidewalk. DFR Engine 25 responded and evaluated the subject. After

medically clearing the subject, DFR left the location and officers placed the subject under arrest for public intoxication. A few minutes later, the subject became unresponsive. Officers called for an ambulance and DFR Rescue 72 responded. The subject was transported to a nearby hospital where he died. Officers did not use any force during the arrest. The subject had no marks or injuries. The entire encounter is recorded on body camera.