Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-309-P

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 6/14/2022 9:02 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: TDCJ/Office of the Inspector General

Agency Address: 1012 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Agency City: Huntsville

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77320

Director Information

Director Salutation: Director

Director First Name: Cris

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Love

Reporter Name: Ashley Gutierrez

Reporter Email: oig_custodial_death_reports@tdcj.texas.gov

Decedent Information
Identity of Deceased

First Name: Damien
Middle Name: 
Last Name: Bryant
Suffix: 

Date of Birth: 3/8/1991
Sex: Male
Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/30/2019 12:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/11/2022 5:17 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evalution?: Yes, results are available

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

Manner of Death: Accidental
**Medical Cause of Death:**

- Asphyxia and smoke inhalation injury due to immolation and structural fire

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

- Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

**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: Other, specify

- Means of Death Other: Fire/smoke
Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2661 FM 2054
County: Anderson
City: Tennessee Colony
Zip: 75886

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: Penitentiary

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility: TDCJ, specify
TDCJ - Specify Unit: Beto unit

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: 7/30/2019 12:00 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Law enforcement facility/booking center
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::  Convicted

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:  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:
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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: No

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Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Inmate Bryant was in U-302 cell alone and set a fire inside the cell in front of the cell door incurring burns to his body and filling the cell with smoke. It is unknown if the death was a suicide or accidental at this time.