CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-309-P
Report Date: 6/14/2022 9:02 AM
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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 Evaluation?: 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

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<td>Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?</td>
<td>Medical Treatment: Not Applicable</td>
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<td>If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?</td>
<td>Who caused the death?: Decedent</td>
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<td>If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)</td>
<td>Type of weapon that caused death?: Not Applicable</td>
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<td>Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?</td>
<td>Pre existing medical condition?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide</td>
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<td>If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?</td>
<td>Means of Death: Other, specify</td>
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<td>Means of Death Other: Fire/smoke</td>
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### Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

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<td>City:</td>
<td>Tennessee Colony</td>
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<td>Anderson</td>
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<td>Zip:</td>
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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:**

- 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:
Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No
Exhibit any mental health problems?: No
Make suicidal statements?: No
Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

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

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:

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.