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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-580-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 5/5/2022 3:48 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Cooke County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 300 County Road
451

Agency City: Gainesville

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76240

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ray

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Sappington

Reporter Name: Michael Scullin

Reporter Email: shawn.scullin@co.cooke.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kevin

Middle Name: Patrick

Last Name: Cantwell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/4/1965

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 57

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/1/2022 3:37 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/1/2022 4:18 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: Pending autopsy
results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Unknown at this time, awaiting autopsy results

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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

Who caused the death?: Not applicable

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?: Could not be determined

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: 300 County Road
451

City: Gainesville

County: Cooke

Zip: 76240

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: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - single cell

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: 4/9/2022 2:54 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

North Texas Medical Center 1900 Hospital Blvd, Gainesville, TX 76240

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:

Warrant for Failure to Appear for DWI 3rd or More

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: Alcohol / drug
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: 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?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health
problems?: 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	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

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, at approximately 2:54 p.m., Kevin Patrick CANTWELL, 57 years of age, was booked into the Cooke County Jail on a warrant for Fail to Appear DWI 3rd or more.

During routine medical screening, CANTWELL did not mention any previous medical conditions, but appeared intoxicated on drugs or alcohol and was threatening to kill himself. CANTWELL was placed in a solitary isolation cell and on suicide watch until Wednesday, April 20, 2022, when he was evaluated by Texoma Community Center, via a video conference. The evaluation from Texoma Community Center, recommended that CANTWELL be removed from "on view" and placed in the general population.

After the evaluation, CANTWELL remained in a solitary isolation cell because he would soil himself and walked around without clothes.

On Sunday, May 1, 2022, at approximately 3:35 PM, Cooke County Jail staff were conducting their routine observations of inmates and observed CANTWELL in the solitary isolation cell laying on the floor and unresponsive. Jail staff began CPR and called for EMS.

EMS transported CANTWELL to North Texas Medical Center in Gainesville, where CANTWELL was pronounced dead, at 4:18 p.m.

The Texas Rangers were notified and will be conducting an investigation.