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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-896-PF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/9/2022 9:58 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th
Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Troy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Finner

Reporter Name: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Arlen

Middle Name: Ashley

Last Name: Bates

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/16/1972

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/20/2022 8:03 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/25/2022 5:20 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Acute polydrug intoxication (including heroin and methamphetamine) with acute exacerbation of heart failure from dilated cardiomyopathy

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?: 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: 7600 Beechnut

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77074

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital/Medical Facility

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

Type of Custody: Private Facility

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?: 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:

Felony Warrant-PCS with Intent to Deliver

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: 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?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

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 Monday, June 20, 2022, Officers assigned to South Gessner Division were dispatched to the 7100 block of Beechnut in regards to a person down call. Officers arrived and made contact with a white male by the name of Arlen Bates, on the street asking for help. The suspect appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. The responding officer completed a person's check on the male to find he was wanted on a Felony Warrant for Possession of a Controlled Substance--with intent to Deliver. The Houston Fire Department transported the male to Southwest Memorial Hermann Hospital located at 7600 Beechnut for medical treatment. The responding officer followed the ambulance to maintain custody of the male. Upon contacting the Harris County Warrants Division, the responding officer confirmed the felony warrant. While receiving treatment at the hospital, Dr. Nguyen indicated the male was experiencing a heart attack. Doctors placed the male in a medically induced coma while treating him. Officers remained at the hospital with the male and he was Blind Booked into the JPC. Once the booking process was complete, care, custody, and control of the suspect was released to the Harris County Sheriff's Office. On June 25, 2022, the suspect died at the hospital. Autopsy results are pending to determine the cause of death.