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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1256-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/28/2023 3:36 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bell County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	104 S. Main
Agency City:	Belton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76513		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Eddy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Lange		
Reporter Name:	Shane Sowell	Reporter Email:	shane.sowell@bellcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jimmie

Middle Name:

Last Name: Owten

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/20/1972 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

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: 8/28/2022 3:55 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/28/2022 4:55 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and physiologic stress during a restraint
Part II (other Significant Contributing Factors): morbid obesity and psychosis and bipolar disease

Manner of Death: Homicide

Examining Pathologist: Jeffery Bernard, M.D.

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?:	Unknown person(s) caused the injury

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:	1201 Huey Dr.	City:	Belton
County:	Bell	Zip:	76513

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 - holding 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:	8/28/2022 3:55 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:

PC 42.061(d) Silent Abusive Call/Electr Comm To 911 Service

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Abuse of 911 emergency services.

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?:	Yes	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	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; Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Inmate Jimmie Owten Jkt# 209590, entered the Loop Jail facility on August 28th at approximate 0355. Upon Owtens entry to the jail he was placed in the triage area were he awaited medical screening. Nurse Bzwoski attempted to ask Owten questions regrading his medical intake. Owten refused to answer any questions and became verbally aggressive, to the point that jailer had to intervene and bring Owten into the search vestibule. Once inside of the vestibule jailers Jailers began to search Owten and he begins to resist the search. Jailers then place Owten on the ground, reposition his restraints and continue to search Owten before taking him inside the facility. While escorting Owten into holding, he again pulls away and jailers divert him towards the padded violent cell. While inside violent jailers work on removing Owtens hand restraints before

exiting the cell and observing Owten through the observation window. It was at 0410 jailers reentered the cell and began to preform life saving on Owten until relieved by EMS at 0423. EMS contacted Dr. Shutter from Scott & White ER in Temple, Texas and he advised them to cease CPR. Judge Ted Duffield pronounced Owten deceased at 0455.

Pending autopsy results.

March 28, 2023
Autopsy results are as follows:
Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and physiologic stress during restraint
Part II (Other Significant Contributing Factors): morbid obesity and psychosis from bipolar

Manner of Death: Homicide

Examining Pathologist: Jeffrey Barnard, M.D.