



# KEN PAXTON

## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 23-195-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 11/27/2023 6:40 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Harris County Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ed

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gonzalez

Reporter Name: Jeffery Vickery

Reporter Email: jeffery.vickery@sheriff.hctx.net

## Decedent Information

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## Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Kevin

Middle Name: Leon

Last Name: Smith

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 4/5/1999

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African  
American

Age At Time Of Death: 23

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 7/1/2022 11:03 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 1/31/2023 11:25  
AM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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

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

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

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Manner of Death: Natural

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Atherosclerotic coronary artery disease

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

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Medical Treatment: Unknown

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

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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)

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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?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

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Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 701 N San Jacinto  
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City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77002

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

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Location Category: Law Enforcement  
Facility

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

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Type of Custody: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - multiple occupancy 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):

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Entry Date Time: 7/1/2022 11:03 PM

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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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?

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Offense 1:

Continuous Sexual Abuse/Child Warrant

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)

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Type of Offense: Crimes Against  
Child(ren)

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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Decedent display/use of  
weapons: No

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

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Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown

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

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or  
drugs): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health  
problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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

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Barricade self or initiate

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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?

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Under Restraint: No

## Summary of Incident

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

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#### Summary:

On July 1, 2022, the decedent was arrested by HPD and booked into the Harris County Jail on an open felony warrant for Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child. On January 31, 2023, inmates alerted jail staff, the decedent was experiencing a medical emergency in his bunk. Officers arrived and noted the decedent was responsive, and medical staff arrived. Upon transport to the clinic, the decedent became unresponsive and chest compressions began. Life-saving measures continued in the clinic, where care was transferred to arriving HFD paramedics. HFD transported the decedent to Ben Taub Hospital where he was pronounced deceased by a medical doctor.