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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-459-PF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/6/2023 10:40 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Killeen Police Dept.

Agency Address: 3304 Community Blvd.

Agency City: Killeen

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76542

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Charles

Director Middle Name: F

Director Last Name: Kimble

Reporter Name: DREW MARTIN

Reporter Email: dmartin@killeentexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: RASHAD

Middle Name: DESHAUN

Last Name: CAPHART

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/27/1988

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 3/28/2023 1:55 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/29/2023 8:03 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner
Evaluation?: No, evaluation not
planned

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Acute renal failure with severe metabolic acidosis, Septic shock on four vasopressors, Hyperkalemia secondary to decreased renal excretion, Acute respiratory failure, Normocytic normochromic anemia, Acute rhabdomyolysis, Hypernatremia.

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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

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

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 4500 E Central
Texas EXPY

City: Killeen

County: Bell

Zip: 76542

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:

Welfare Concern

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: 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?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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):	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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On March 28, 2023, around 1:58 PM, Killeen Police Department Officers were dispatched to 4500 E Central Texas EXPY, #310, in reference to a Psychiatric/Abnormal Behavior. A neighbor called 911, stating that Rashad Caphart was screaming in his room and was unresponsive when she checked on him. Officers checked on Rashad Caphart, but he did not answer, and there were no signs of activity. Officers looked through the window and observed Rashad Caphart lying on the floor, motionless. The apartment management opened the door at the request of the officers.

Officers located Rashad Caphart sitting on the ground, looking dazed and confused. Officers attempted to ask Rashad Caphart questions, but he did not comprehend what they were saying. Killeen EMS was requested, and they responded to the scene. It appeared that Rashad Caphart was having a medical crisis. Rashad Caphart became incoherent and aggressive toward officers. Officers had to secure the scene so that EMS could treat Rashad Caphart. Officers began to place Rashad Caphart into handcuffs, and he resisted. Officers used a drive stun from an electronic incapacitating device to gain compliance. EMS could get a restraint chair to Rashad Caphart and place him on a gurney. EMS transported Rashad Caphart to Seton Hospital.

At Seton Hospital, Rashad Caphart continued to resist medical attention from medical staff. Officers released Rashad Caphart to the Emergency Room staff. ER Staff told officers that Rashad Caphart advised that he had dipped his cigarettes and had "juice." The medical staff related this "juice" as possibly being Amyl Nitrite.

Rashad Caphart was temporarily detained so that he could receive medical attention. Rashad Caphart was not placed under arrest and was not charged with any crime. The call appeared to be a medical call that needed the assistance of KPD Officers.

It was found out the next day that Rashad Caphart had died due to medical issues. No autopsy was performed at the time.

This report was made from an abundance of due caution. Rashad Caphart was not in custody, and the force used against him did not appear to contribute to his death.

Medical records were obtained from Seton Medical Center Harker Heights. The medical records showed that Rashad Caphart died of natural causes due to Acute Renal Failure with Severe Metabolic Acidosis. Several other medical factors, including septic shock related to drug use, contributed to the death of Rashad Caphart.