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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-589-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 4/30/2024 12:35 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Dewitt County Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 208 E. Live Oak

Agency City: Cuero

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77954

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief Deputy

Director First Name: John

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Garoni

Reporter Name: Carl Bowen

Reporter Email: carl.bowen@dwcotx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Milton

Middle Name: Wilson

Last Name: Kaiser

Suffix: III

Date of Birth: 5/18/1989

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 4/12/2024 8:50 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/14/2024 4:25 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
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

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?: Unknown

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: 208 E Live Oak St

City: Cuero

County: DeWitt

Zip: 77954

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: 4/12/2024 8:50 PM

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?: 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:

Assault Family Violence Causing Bodily Injury

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons

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?: 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

Gain possession of officer's

officer(s):	No	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:

Deputies arrived on scene at approximately 0436 hours and entered the jail's booking area. The jail staff advised me that there was an unconscious inmate was in E-H1. I observed a W/M, later identified to me as Milton Kaiser III, lying on the cell floor in a pair of shorts with his right arm extended upward and his fist closed. I entered the cell immediately and tried to communicate with Milton. He was unresponsive. I observed his body to be stiff. I grabbed his wrist and checked for a pulse. He did not have one. I observed a pool of saliva around his mouth. Milton appeared to be cold to the touch. I began chest compressions immediately. I told Sgt. McCord #1248 to bring Narcan. Sgt. McCord #1248 brought Narcan and administered it to Milton. He remained unresponsive. I continued chest compressions on Milton until Cuero EMS arrived on scene at approximately 0440 hours. Cuero EMS continued with lifesaving methods on Milton but were unsuccessful in reviving him.

Cuero EMS advised to me that Milton was deceased. I called my immediate supervisor Corporal Michael Gibson #1210 and advised him of the situation. He advised to me that he would call Sergeant Juan Ruiz #1206 to inform him of what had happened and for me to secure the scene until Sgt. Ruiz #1206 arrived. I did not observe anything around Milton that would indicate the cause of his death.

Sgt. Ruiz #1206 arrived on scene at approximately 0457 hours. I advised him of everything that happened when I arrived on scene and discovered Milton's body. Sgt. Ruiz #1206 instructed me to take pictures of the scene and secure the scene until Chief Deputy John Garoni #1201 and Justice of the Peace 1 Peggy Mayer arrived.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 1:

At approximately 0837 hours Justice of the Peace 1 arrived on scene. Judge Mayer arrived on scene made contact with the deputies, Cuero EMS, the jail staff to interview them about what had happened. JP 1 cleared the scene at approximately 0837 hours. Milton Kaiser III was pronounced dead at approximately 0425 hours.

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Document

Reference

Number(s):

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Supplemental

Occurrence Date:

02/18/2025 12:00 AM CST

Document Details:

1. On Tuesday, 2-18-2025, I, Company "F" Texas Ranger Brant Johnston, testified to the facts of this investigation to a grand jury in DeWitt County, Texas. After deliberation, I was informed the grand jury indicated "No Action Taken."
2. DeWitt County District Attorney Brian Cromeens requested the phone number for the decedent's father, Milton Wilson Kaiser Jr., and informed me that he would be communicating with him about the investigation outcome.
3. This investigation is considered closed.