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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1395-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/24/2024 8:28 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bell County Sheriff's Office	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:	Stacey McClinton	Reporter Email:	stacey.mcclinton@bellcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Darrel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Roberson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/7/1959

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/8/2023 3:01 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/6/2024 7:00 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Acute on chronic pancreatitis in the setting of chronic ethanolism and cholelithiasis
Part II (Other Significant Contributing Factors): Diabetes mellitus

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: 2401 S 31st Street
City: Temple
County: Bell
Zip: 76508

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Baylor Scott & White Hospital

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:

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: 8/20/2023 1:17 PM

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?: 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:

Injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent bodliy injury

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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?:	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 12/8/2023 Darrel Roberson was booked into the Bell County Jail for Injury to an elderly. On July 24, 2024, he was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to 4 years TDCJ. On 7/27/2024 he was sent to Baylor Scott & White Hospital for abdominal pain where he was admitted and treated for pneumonia and then released back to the the jail on 8/9/2024. After returning from the hospital, he was housed in the infirmary. Roberson was sent out again to the hospital on 8/20/2024, for concerns of him becoming weak and not having any appetite to eat. Roberson was again admitted to the hospital. While in the hospital he was in and out of ICU due to his health declining. On 9/6/2024, he was moved to comfort care (inpatient hospice). Roberson passed away on 9/6/2024 and was pronounced dead at 1900 by JP Coleman. Roberson had a signed DNR on file with the hospital. Roberson was waiting for a mecial bed at TDCJ.