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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1647-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/19/2024 11:49 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bowie County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	100 North State Line, BOX 18
Agency City:	Texarkana	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75501		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	JEFF
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	NEAL		
Reporter Name:	Robby McCarver	Reporter Email:	robby.mccarver@bowiecounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Dejuan

Middle Name: Deandre

Last Name: Fulcher

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/30/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/30/2024 12:55 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/18/2024 11:48 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:

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Per SWIFS Medical Examiner-"Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Dejaun Deandre Fulcher, a 43-year-old Black male, dies as a result of severe sepsis.

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?:	Could not be determined

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:	105 West Front Street	City:	Texarkana
County:	Bowie	Zip:	75501

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 - single 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:	4/30/2024 12:55 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:

Assault on EMS Personnel

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): No

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?:	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:

Inmate Dejuan D. Fulcher was booked into the Bowie County Jail on 4-30-2024 for the offense of Assault on EMS Personnel. He was arrested by the Texarkana, TX Police Department. Fulcher entered our facility missing his lower right leg at the knee (previous medical issue). Fulcher has been in a single occupancy cell due to using bodily fluids/solids to soil bedding and clothing and displaying signs of mental illness. On 9-17-2024, Fulcher was ordered to undergo a mental evaluation for competency to stand trail by the Court overseeing his criminal charge. He was awaiting placement in a mental facility until this date. On 12-18-2024, Fulcher was found unresponsive in his single occupancy cell. He was breathing and medical personnel on site provided care. Fulcher was transported to Christus St Michael's hospital for medical care. Fulcher's medical condition rapidly declined with the facility treating him for Sepsis and Septic Shock. He declined and was pronounced deceased at 23:48 (12/18/2024). TX Ranger Josh Mason was contacted to investigate the in-custody death as required. JP Jay Womack ordered his autopsy and he was sent to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for examination.

Additional Information-Autopsy Results dated 3-18-2025 indicate the following:

Cause of Death: Severe Sepsis
Manner of Death: Natural