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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-747-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/19/2025 9:13 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	Agency Address:	1900 Main, PO BOX 61429
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77208		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Ban
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Tien		
Reporter Name:	Robert Smith	Reporter Email:	robert.smith@houstonmetropolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jeffrey

Middle Name: Hugh

Last Name: Marsh

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/31/1954 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 71

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/17/2025 12:44 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/24/2025 12:55 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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Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (Case No. ML25-3340)
CAUSE OF DEATH: Complications of hepatic cirrhosis (hepatitis C viral infection) and hypertensive cardiovascular disease.
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE OF DEATH: Obesity and diabetes mellitus
MANNER OF DEATH: Natural
SIGNED: Hannah C. Jarvis, MBBS / Assistant Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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: 8700 Fannin St
City: Houston
County: Harris
Zip: 77002

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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:

(Investigation) Driving While Intoxicated or Impaired

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Crimes against society

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 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 August 17th, 2025, the decedent was stopped for driving the wrong way on a one way street in the 8700 block of Fannin Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas. A traffic stop was conducted, and the Officer made contact with the decedent. It appeared to the officer that the decedent was possibly intoxicated and/or impaired. The decedent was subsequently placed into custody (handcuffed) for suspicion of driving while intoxicated and/or impaired.

As officers escorted the decedent toward a patrol vehicle, the decedent fell to the ground and officers observed signs of deteriorating motor skills and mobility. Officers then called for emergency medical services so that the decedent could be medically assessed. The Houston Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services responded and cleared the decedent for transport to the jail. The decedent was then secured in the back seat of the police vehicle for transport to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for the completion of the DWI Investigation.

While the decedent was in the back seat of the police vehicle, the decedent became unresponsive. The decedent was removed from the back of the police vehicle and placed on the ground next to the police vehicle. Officers removed the decedents handcuffs because it appeared the decedent was having an unknown medical related episode and stopped breathing. Officers on scene performed CPR, and called for emergency medical services. HFD personnel arrived on scene and took over performing CPR.

The decedent was transported by ambulance to Memorial Herman Hospital located at 6411 Fannin Street in Houston, Texas. The decedent was moved to an intensive care unit where the decedent later died on August 24th, 2025. Investigation for driving while intoxicated and or impaired was still ongoing at the time of the decedent's death.