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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-110-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 2/12/2019 3:19 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Navarro County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 300 W. 3rd Ave.,
Suite 10

Agency City: Corsicana

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75110

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Elmer

Director Middle Name: L

Director Last Name: Tanner

Reporter Name: Charlie York

Reporter Email: cyork@ncsotx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name:

Last Name: Lambert

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/21/1956

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 62

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 1/9/2019 4:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/21/2019 10:19
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:

Hemothorax and hemopericardium due to Ruptured recent myocardial infarction due to Atherosclerotic and probable hypertensive cardiovascular disease.

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: 312 W 2nd Ave

City: Corsicana

County: Navarro

Zip: 75110

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:

Correctional/Rehabilitation Facility

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: 1/9/2019 4:00 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:

No Show/Poss CS PG 1>=1G<4G

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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 January 21, 2019 at approximately 1840, Sgt. Robin Woodall reported for duty and received the pass on from the previous shift. Sgt. Woodall began performing daily duties. At approximately 1937, Sgt. Woodall began walking through the front cells getting jumper sizes and passing out razors. Sgt. Woodall entered E-41 and spoke with Inmate John Lambert (W/M SO# 015622). Inmate Lambert was laying down. Sgt. Woodall asked Inmate Lambert his jumper size and Inmate Lambert advised that his jumper size was a 2XL. Sgt. Woodall asked Inmate Lambert if he wanted a razor and he said that he did not. Sgt. Woodall then exited the cell. At approximately 2155, Sgt. Woodall entered Inmate Lambert's cell to bring Inmate Lambert his jumper for exchange. Sgt. Woodall spoke to Inmate Lambert, but he did not respond. Sgt. Woodall touched Inmate Lambert's shoulder and attempted to rouse him, but again, Inmate Lambert did not respond. His body was warm to the touch, but his face appeared discolored. Sgt. Woodall immediately called via radio for Nurse Amanda Motley to come to the E-41 to check Inmate Lambert. Sgt. Woodall began checking for a pulse and any breaths, but Sgt. Woodall was unable to detect either. Nurse Motley came to the door and Sgt. Woodall immediately advised that she did not think that Inmate Lambert was breathing. Nurse Motley could not find a pulse either and advised Sgt. Woodall to call for an ambulance. Sgt. Woodall immediately called master control via radio and advised Master Control Operator William Vargo to call dispatch for an ambulance. Nurse Motley then advised Sgt. Woodall that Inmate Lambert needed to be moved to the ground so CPR could be administered and Sgt. Woodall yelled for Officer Shelly Sweeney to bring the AED to the cell immediately. Sgt. Woodall and Nurse Motley then lifted Inmate Lambert's body and placed him onto the ground. Sgt. Woodall then knelt beside Inmate Lambert and began chest compressions. Officer Sweeney brought in the AED and Nurse Motley removed the AED and prepared it for use while Sgt. Woodall continued chest compressions. While performing chest compressions, Sgt. Woodall instructed Officer Sweeney to have chain of command notified immediately and place the jail on lockdown. At this time, Nurse Motley attached the AED to Inmate Lambert and instructed Sgt. Woodall to back away from Inmate Lambert. Sgt. Woodall then took Cpl. Sean Boggess' phone and spoke with Captain Charlie York while Cpl. Boggess assisted Nurse Motley. At approximately 2159, Officer Vargo advised that the ambulance had pulled into the parking lot. Cpl. Boggess and Nurse Motley continued performing chest compressions until EMS arrived at E-41 at approximately 2200. At this time, EMS personnel took over and began working on Inmate Lambert. Inmate Lambert was loaded onto the gurney and removed from E-41. Sgt. Woodall advised Cpl. Boggess to go with the ambulance and Inmate Lambert to the hospital. Sgt. Woodall secured E-41 and advised Master Control to let no one in to E-41. At approximately 2205, EMS exited the Jail with Inmate Lambert. Sgt. Woodall then

went to booking and retrieved yellow Sheriff's Line Tape and taped off E-41. EMS exited the parking lot with Inmate Lambert at approximately 2210. At approximately 2222, Cpl. Boggess contacted Sgt. Woodall via phone and advised that hospital staff had called Inmate Lambert's time of death at 2219. EOR.