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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-116-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/5/2019 5:54 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Houston Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Travis, 16th Floor
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Art
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Acevedo		
Reporter Name:	Kimberly Fowler	Reporter Email:	kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gregory

Middle Name:

Last Name: Yarber

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/8/1963 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/2/2019 4:18 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/4/2019 1:14 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Acute cardiac arrhythmia due to physical restraint methamphetamine.

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?:	Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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:	Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 6411 Fannin
City: Houston
County: Harris
Zip: 77030

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: Private Facility

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: 2/2/2019 5:00 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?: No

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Emergency Detention Center

Offense 1:

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: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crime Against Property

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?: Yes

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?:	Yes
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 Saturday, February 2, 2019, Houston Police Officers K. M. Jauregui and L. E. Harris responded to a "Disturbance/Unk Weapon" at the Burger King Restaurant located at 10414 Richmond Avenue, regarding a male acting crazy and yelling at customers. As officers arrived, the suspect, later identified as Gregory Yarber, ran towards their police vehicle, screaming out that someone was trying to kill him. For officer safety purposes, Mr. Yarber was quickly handcuffed.

While detained, Mr. Yarber became increasingly agitated and resisted officers as they attempted to search him, so they placed him on the ground to gain control. Because Mr. Yarber continued to be combative and noncompliant, the officers placed him in leg restraints and requested a supervisor and HFD. HPD Sergeant H. E. Ceo quickly arrived and approved the application of the leg restraints. Sergeant Ceo also notified HFD paramedics of the blue discoloration of Mr. Yarber's lower extremities; Paramedics responded that the patient was medically cleared and ready for police transport to Ben Taub's Neuro Psychiatric Center (NPC).

Mr. Yarber was then secured into the backseat of Officer Jauregui's and Officer Harris's police vehicle. They were instructed by Sergeant Ceo to monitor Mr. Yarber's condition throughout his transport to the NPC. Moreover, a second police unit was instructed to follow behind the transporting unit, in the event further assistance was needed. While enroute to the NPC, Mr. Yarber continued his verbal rants, until he suddenly became silent and unresponsive. Consequently, Officers Jauregui and Harris quickly pulled off the Southwest Freeway at the Kirby Drive exit to check Mr. Yarber's condition. Officers immediately removed Mr. Yarber from the police vehicle and restraints and requested the assistance of HFD. Mr. Yarber appeared to be unconscious, so officers began CPR, while they awaited paramedic's arrival.

Paramedics quickly responded and transported Mr. Yarber to Memorial Hermann Hospital where he was eventually listed in stable condition. Medical personnel at the hospital were familiar with Mr. Yarber because he had recently been admitted and treated for drug overdose. Mr. Yarber's medical condition worsened by February 4, 2019, and on this date, his family decided to remove him from life support. Doctor N. Johnson pronounced Mr. Yarber deceased at 1:14 p.m. Mr. Yarber was taken to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Science for an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.