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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-1330-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/9/2019 7:00 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Harris County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Baker Street
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Ed
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Gonzalez		
Reporter Name:	Ronny Taylor	Reporter Email:	ronny.taylor@sheriff.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jay

Middle Name: Dexter

Last Name: Elia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/9/1986

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/23/2018 11:12 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/29/2018 10:19 AM

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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of blunt force injuries

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

Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Complications of blunt force injuries

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: North Belt ana North Freeway

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77009

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: 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:

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?: 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:

Burglary of a Building

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest/Detention

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: Other, specify; Crime Against Property

Type of Offense, Other:

Evading Arrest / Detention

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: Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?:	Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	Unknown	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	Unknown
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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 October 29, 2018, Inmate Jay Dexter Elia, SPN 02904541, died in custody at Houston Northwest Medical Center located at 710 Cypress Creek Pkwy., Houston, Tx 77090. Inmate Elias was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. Nicole Tapia at 1019 hrs. Inmate Elia, an African-American male, 32 years of age was arrested by HPD for a burglary in progress and for evading on 10/19/2018. The Harris County Sheriff's Office assumed custody of Inmate Elia at the hospital on 10/23/2018. Inmate Elia had no bond assigned to the 208th District Court.

The following is a synopsis of the death of Inmate :

On October 19, 2018, Jay Elia was arrested by Houston Police Department burglary and evading arrest with a motor vehicle. Mr. Elia sustained life threatening injuries after jumping from an overpass. Mr. Elia was

admitted to Houston Northwest Medical Center in critical condition.

On October 29, 2018 (1019 hrs.), Inmate Elia is declared deceased by attending physician Dr. Nicole Tapia.