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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-663-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/17/2018 1:26 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Grayson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 S. Crockett
Agency City:	Sherman	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75090		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Thomas
Director Middle Name:	E.		
Director Last Name:	Watt		
Reporter Name:	Harvey Smitherman	Reporter Email:	smithermanh@co.grayson.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: Ronald

Last Name: Ragland

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/3/1949 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 69

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/4/2017 6:25 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/10/2018 4:57 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:

Complications from multiple chronic medical conditions which included, an acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome and septic shock.

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:	5016 South US Hwy 75	City:	Denison
County:	Grayson	Zip:	75020

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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: 9/4/2017 6:25 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:

Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Offense 3:

Injury to a Child/ Disabled Person with intent SBI/ Mental.

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?:	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On 07-09-2018, at approximately 17:17 hours, Grayson County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Inmate James Ronald Ragland (# 99210), a 69 year old white male, died in room #824 at Texoma Medical Center (TMC), in Denison, Grayson County, Texas due to complications from multiple chronic medical conditions which included, an acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome and septic shock. At the request of the GCSO, Texas Ranger Brad Oliver responded to TMC and initiated a Custodial Death Investigation. Grayson County Justice of the Peace Larry Atherton was called to room #824 to hold an inquest. Judge Atherton subsequently ordered an autopsy be performed on Ragland by the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office in Dallas, Texas.

Ranger Oliver's investigation determined Ragland had been in TMC continuously since his admittance on 05-24-2018. This was Ragland's third hospital stay since his arrest and incarceration in the Grayson County Jail on 09-04-2017. GCSO had extensive records documenting Ragland's declining medical health since his incarceration. Ragland's family had provided TMC with a Living Will signed by Ragland on 05-27-2014. A Do Not Resuscitate Order was issued my TMC medical staff pursuant to the living will. Family members were present when Ragland died on 07-09-2018.

On 07-10-2018, an autopsy was performed by the Dallas County Medical Examiner’s Office. The cause of death is pending toxicology.