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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-874-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 11/5/2019 5:50 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: Lieutenant

Director First Name: Melissa

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Countryman

Reporter Name: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Richard

Middle Name: Brian

Last Name: Edgerton

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/25/1970

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 9/5/2019 1:39 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/6/2019 10:34 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Heart Attack- Methamphetamine and Heroin toxicity.

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?: Unknown person(s)
caused the 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?: 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: Not applicable,
cause of death was
illness/natural
cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1200 Baker St.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77002

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:

Jail - detox cell

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: 9/6/2019 3:02 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?: 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:

PCS

Offense 2:

Fugitive-PCS Warrant

Offense 3:

Fugitive-Evading (Vehicle Warrant

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

Type of Offense, Other:

Traffic Stop

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?: 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 Sept. 5, 2019, Mr. Richard Edgerton was stopped on traffic by HPD Officer C. Pinchoff and Officer M. Frolik. Mr. Edgerton was arrested for two open Fugitive Warrants-PCS/Evading in Vehicle and found to be in possession of a controlled substance (Herion). Mr. Edgerton was transported and booked into the Harris County Joint Processing Center.

On Sept. 6, 2019 Mr. Edgerton was caught on Harris County Jail security cameras in his cell master bating and then clutching his chest. Mr. Edgerton. Mr. Edgerton rolled over onto his side and off the bed onto his face. Detention Officer M. Curtis found Mr. Edgerton on the floor and unresponsive during his routine checks. Mr. Edgerton was administered CPR by medical personnel assigned to the JPC and then transported to St. Joseph Hospital. Mr. Edgerton was pronounced dead by Doctor of Osteopathic A. Rassoli.

The autopsy results are still pending although opiates and methamphetamines were found in Mr. Edgerton's urine sample.