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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 20-913-CJ | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 2/24/2021 10:57 AM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Brazos County Sheriff's Office. | Agency Address: | 1700 Hwy. 21 West |
| Agency City: | Bryan | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 77803 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Christopher "Chris" |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Kirk | | |
| Reporter Name: | Kevin Stuart | Reporter Email: | kstuart@brazoscountytx.gov |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Luther

Middle Name: Charles

Last Name: Flowers

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/10/1970

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

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: 3/11/2019 6:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/11/2020 9:45 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: Natural

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cause of death - COVID-19
Other Contributing Conditions - Hypertensive cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, and morbid obesity

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

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| Medical Treatment: | Yes |

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

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| 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)

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| 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?

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| Pre existing medical condition?: | Could not be determined |

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

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| 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: 2801 Franciscan Dr
City: Bryan
County: Brazos
Zip: 77802

## 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: 3/11/2019 6:20 PM

## Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Local Hospital

# 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:

Parole Violation

Offense 2:

Felony Theft 2500-30000

Offense 3:

Class C Driving While License Invalid

Were the Charges:: Convicted

## What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: 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:

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| 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:

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| 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Tuesday August 11, 2020 at approximately 9:30 a.m., an inmate in the Brazos County Jail, Luther Flowers, a 49 year old male from Bryan, Texas, passed away while receiving treatment at CHI St. Joseph's Hospital after testing positive for COVID-19. The patient was admitted to CHI St. Joseph's Hospital on August 2nd and had been receiving treatment there since that date.

The patient was initially quarantined from the general population on July 30th when he reported that he was not feeling well and was discovered to have fever. The patient was tested for COVID-19 on July 31st and his results were received by medical staff on August 2nd indicating that he was positive. He continued to be monitored and treated for his symptoms while awaiting test results. On the morning of August 2nd medical staff and jail staff reported that his symptoms appeared to have become worse. Medical staff determined that he needed a higher level of care and he was transported and admitted to CHI St. Joseph's Hospital the morning of August 2nd. The patient remained in the hospital receiving treatment from that date forward but unfortunately did not recover.

The Brazos County Sheriff's Office has initiated an internal investigation into the incident, and the Texas Rangers are conducting an independent investigation of the incident. Initially there are no indications or manifestation of trauma. An autopsy has been ordered and will be conducted by the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office in Austin, Texas.