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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 21-1743-CJ | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 6/27/2022 4:38 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Denton County Sheriff's Office. | Agency Address: | 127 N. Woodrow Ln. Suite 300 |
| Agency City: | Denton | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 76205 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Tracy |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Murphree | | |
| Reporter Name: | Ronald Pettigrew | Reporter Email: | ron.pettigrew@dentoncounty.gov |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Helen

Middle Name: Renee

Last Name: Jackson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/15/1968

Sex: Female

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/17/2021 6:49 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/29/2021 6:35 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: Could not be determined

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Undetermined

## 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: | Unknown |

## 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?

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| Street Address: | 127 N. Woodrow Ln | City: | Denton |
| County: | Denton | Zip: | 76205 |

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

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| Location Category: | Law Enforcement Facility |

### What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

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| Type of Custody: | County Jail |

### Specific type of custody/facility:

| Specific Type of Custody/Facility: |
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| Jail - holding 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):

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| Entry Date Time: | 11/17/2021 6:49 PM |

### Where did the death occur?

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| Death Location: | Dead on arrival at medical facility |

## General Information

### Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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| 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:

FTA-Violation of Protective Order 17.16

Offense 2:

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

Type of Offense, Other:

Warrant Arrest for Violation of Protective Order-Family Violence

## 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?: Unknown

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 11-17-2021, Inmate Helen Jackson was booked into the Denton County Jail for FTA - Violation of a Protective Order and for a 17.16 Assault - Family Violence. On 12-28-2021, the inmate had been seen by medical staff multiple times and cleared to remain in Pod-8. The inmate continued to disrupt the Pod and was subsequently removed via wheel chair and brought to Holding Cell -1 in Main Jail for observation. Correctional Health staff and Detention staff continued monitoring her vitals signs, and time checks and visual checks every 30 minutes or less. About eight minutes after the last medical check, Corporal Brendan Greenwell observed the inmate as non-responsive and called for a medical emergency. The Denton Fire EMS was notified and responded. The inmate appeared to go into cardiac arrest and CPR was begun. Inmate Jackson was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. An autopsy was ordered to be conducted at the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office. The investigation has been turned over to Texas Ranger Jeremy Wallace.