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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-1440-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/28/2020 5:11 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bowie County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	100 North State Line, BOX 18
Agency City:	Texarkana	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75501		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	JAMES
Director Middle Name:	W		
Director Last Name:	PRINCE		
Reporter Name:	Robby McCarver	Reporter Email:	robby.mccarver@bowiecounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ricky

Middle Name: H.

Last Name: Daffron

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/1/1959 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/15/2016 1:56 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/28/2020 12:18 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

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From Medical Examiner's report "It is our opinion that Ricky H. Daffron, a 61 year-old white man, died as a result of blunt force injuries further complicated by COVID-19, hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, and diabetes mellitus."

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?: Other detainee(s)

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?: Deceased developed condition after admission

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

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: The deceased was involved in altercation with another inmate within the Bowie County Jail Annex and suffered head injuries that we suspect led to his

death. The inmate used his fists and feet to strike the deceased.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	105 West Front Street	City:	Texarkana
County:	Bowie	Zip:	75501

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	9/15/2016 1:56 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?: 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:

False Imprisonment 15yr Old (Arkansas Conviction)

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault (Arkansas Conviction)

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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:	Yes	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 10-9-2020, inmate Ricky Daffron w/m 7-1-1961 was involved in a physical altercation with another inmate within the Bowie County Jail Annex. Inmate Daffron sustained severe head injuries as a result of being struck by Inmate Randy L. Baker w/m 7-13-1983. Baker used his hands and feet to inflict the injuries before jail staff were able to respond inside of the cell. Daffron was transported to Wadley Regional Medical Center and was unresponsive at the time of his departure from our facility. Upon admission in the hospital, Inmate Daffron was also determined to be Positive for Covid-19. TX Ranger Joshua Mason was contacted to satisfy outside investigation protocols regarding potential deaths within the jail. Interviews with Inmate Baker and other

inmates housed within the pod revealed the following: On 10-9-2020, Inmate Daffron was combative verbally with several within the pod. During the verbal altercation, Daffron spit on Inmate Randy Baker. Baker responded by physically attacking Daffron. Once Baker was able to knock Daffron to the ground he continued the assault using his hands and feet. The assault continued even though Daffron became unresponsive. Inmate Daffron remained in Wadley Regional Medical Center until his death on 10-28-2020. Daffron was transported to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for autopsy. It is expected that Daffron's death will be ruled a homicide due to injuries sustained from Inmate Randy Baker but his Covid-19 diagnosis complicates that belief. This report will be revisited upon completion and receipt of the autopsy results.

Additional Information: Medical Examiner's report has ruled that Ricky H. Daffron died as a result of blunt force injuries further complicated by COVID-19, hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, and diabetes mellitus. The manner of death is homicide.