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Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 2

Department Type: POLICE

Agency Name: Abilene Police Dept.

Agency Number: TX2210100

Agency Phone: 3256766650

Agency Address: 450 Pecan St.

Agency City: Abilene

Agency County: TAYLOR

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79602

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Melvin

Director Middle Name:

R.

Director Last Name:

Martin

Reporter Name: Lt. Tracy Weems

Reporter Email: tracy.weems@abilenetx.com

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 200 N Clack

City: Abilene

County: Taylor

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

Type of Custody:

Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Peace Officer subsequent to arrest

Custody Type Facility:

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jeffery

Middle Name: Garlin

Last Name: Trotter

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/13/1979

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 10/3/2006 9:09 PM

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

10/3/2006 5:50 PM

Custody Date NA: ☐

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:

Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Medical condition only (e.g. heart attack)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Acute Methamphetamine Intoxication

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

Medical Treatment:

Not Applicable

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

Who caused the death?:

Not applicable; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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:

Drug overdose

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:

Aggravated Robbery

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by Self
Accident

At any time during the arrest/incident did the deceased:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):		Threaten the officer(s) involved:	No
Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes	Try to escape/flee from custody:	No
Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No		

Other Behavior:



Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s): 0

At the time of entry into the facility did the deceased:

Entry Behavior: Intoxicated

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint:

Yes

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

Summary:

Trotter was the suspect in an aggravated robbery of his aunt. The robbery occurred earlier on the day he died. He was listed as a suspicious person at a local business. He was contacted at a local car dealership by an officer who knew him on sight and was taken into custody after a short struggle. During the struggle Trotter was able to maintain a free right hand which the officer could not monitor.

Trotter was sprayed with OC, taken into custody and handed over to arriving officers while the arresting officer conducted a search of the area for evidence of the Agg Robbery. While being treated for the OC exposure by assisting officers a plastic bag was recovered from Trotters mouth which tested positive, at the scene, for methamphetamines. Trotter was transported to the Taylor County Jail then to Hendrick Medical Center. He was being checked by hospital staff when he died of a self induced drug overdose (Acute Methamphetamine Intoxication).