Record of Death

Provided by South Carolina Department of Corrections, February 1, 2022

Name: COWART, RICHARD JAMES

SCDC#: 219871

Sex: M

Race/ethnicity: White, not of Hispanic origin

Date of birth: 1/18/1971

Date of commitment: 3/27/2015

Date of death: 3/5/2018

Cause of death: Accidental - Self

Assigned institution: TYGER RIVER

Death location: TYGER RIVER

DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REPORT OF INMATE DEATH

(Sections 24-9-35 and 17-7-10, South Carolina Code of Laws)
(Standards 1047 and 1049, Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities in South Carolina)
(SCDC Policies/Procedures HS-18.04 and PS-10.05)

1. FACILITY: Tyger River Correctional Institution
2. NAME OF DECEASED: Richard James Cowart SCDC# 219871
3. HOME ADDRESS: [redacted]
4. DESCRIPTION: DOB [redacted] HEIGHT 5'8" WEIGHT 211 HAIR Blonde
   EYES Blue SEX M RACE W SOC SEC # [redacted]
5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Entering a bank with intent to steal; Armed Robbery
   SENTENCED ☑ PRETRIAL ☐
6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 02 07 2014
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: [redacted]
8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: [redacted]
9. CAUSE OF DEATH: Unknown at this time; awaiting toxicology report
10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: ____ a.m. 10:23 p.m. 3rd day March month 2018 year
11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: Beth White; Tony Patton SP EMS
12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Kelly Baty
13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: Dr. Wren
14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY: Sgt. Michael Robertson; approx. 2200 hrs.; RHU Cell #1
15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 1175 (Actual Count) 20 (# of Officers on Duty)
16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 9:45 pm at 15 minute cell check

NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502

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