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MORTALITY IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS 2019
DEATH REPORT ON INMATES
UNDER JAIL JURISDICTION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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AND ACTING AS COLLECTION AGENT:
RTI INTERNATIONAL

FORM COMPLETED BY:

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Instructions for Completion

If no deaths occurred in 2019:
- You do not need to complete this form.

If you had more than one death in 2019:
- Make copies of this form for each additional death.
- Complete the entire form for each inmate death.
- Once your death records are complete, there are several ways to submit a death report:

ONLINE: Complete the report online at: https://bjsmci.rti.org
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FAX (TOLL-FREE): (866) 800-9179

MAIL: RTI International, Attn: Data Capture
Project #: 0215015.001.300.117.102.100
5265 Capital Boulevard
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If you need assistance, contact the data collection team at RTI International toll-free at (800) 344-1387 or bjsmci@rti.org.

What deaths should be reported?

INCLUDE deaths of ALL persons...

- Confined in your jail facilities, whether housed under your own or another jurisdiction
- Under your jurisdiction but housed in special jail facilities (e.g., medical/treatment/release centers, halfway houses, or work farms); or on transfer to treatment facilities
- Under your jurisdiction but out to court
- In transit to or from your facilities while under your jurisdiction

EXCLUDE deaths of ALL persons...

- Confined in facilities operated by two or more jurisdictions or those held in privately operated jails
- Under your jurisdiction but in nonresidential community-based programs run by your jails (e.g., electronic monitoring, house arrest, community service, day reporting, work programs)
- Under your jurisdiction but AWOL, escaped, or on long-term transfer to another jurisdiction
- In the process of arrest by your agency, but not yet booked into your jail facility

BURDEN STATEMENT

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, we cannot ask you to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The burden of this collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per each reported death, including reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering necessary data, and completing and reviewing this form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531. Do not send your completed form to this address.

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LOCAL JAIL INMATE DEATH REPORT

1. What was the inmate's name?

LAST	FIRST	MI
COOPER	PETER	W

2. On what date did the inmate die?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
07	22	2019

3. What was the name and location of the correctional facility involved?

Facility Name: Spartanburg County Detention Facility

Facility City: Spartanburg

Facility State: SC

4. What was the inmate's date of birth?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
04	04	

5. What was the inmate's sex?

- ☑ Male
- ☐ Female

6. Was the inmate of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- ☐ Yes
- ☑ No

7. In addition, what was the inmate's race? Please select one or more of the following racial categories:

- ☑ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Some other race

↳ *Please Specify:*

8. On what date was the inmate admitted to a facility under your jurisdiction?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
02	10	2019

9. Was the inmate being confined in your jail facility on behalf of any of the following?

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM (a–c)

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
a. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	☐	☑	☐
b. U.S. Marshals Service	☐	☑	☐
c. State or federal prison, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or any other jail jurisdiction	☐	☑	☐

10. For what offense(s) was the inmate being held?

a. LEWD ACT ON MINOR

b. FORCED SEXUAL ASSAULT

c.

d.

e.

11. What was the inmate's legal status at time of death? *(For inmates with more than one status, report the status associated with the most serious offense.)*

- ☐ Convicted—new court commitment
- ☐ Convicted—returned probation/parole violator
- ☑ Unconvicted
- ☐ Other

↳ *Please Specify:*

12. Since admission, did the inmate ever stay overnight in a mental health observation unit or an outside mental health facility?

- ☐ Yes
- ☑ No
- ☐ Don't Know

13. Where did the inmate die?

- ☐ In a general housing unit within the jail facility or in a general housing unit on jail grounds
- ☐ In a segregation unit
- ☑ In a special medical unit/infirmary within the jail facility
- ☐ In a special mental health services unit within the jail facility
- ☐ In a medical center outside the jail facility
- ☐ In a mental health center outside the jail facility
- ☐ While in transit
- ☐ Elsewhere

→ *Please Specify:*

14. Are the results of a medical examiner's or coroner's evaluation (such as an autopsy, postmortem exam, or review of medical records) available to establish an official cause of death?

- ☑ YES ⟶ ***CONTINUE TO Q15***
- ☐ Evaluation complete—results are pending

  ↳ ***SKIP REMAINING QUESTIONS AND SUBMIT THIS FORM—YOU WILL BE CONTACTED AT A LATER TIME FOR THE CAUSE OF DEATH***
- ☐ No evaluation is planned → ***CONTINUE TO Q15***

15. What was the cause of death? * *Please SPECIFY cause of death—it is critical information* *****

- ☑ Illness—Exclude AIDS-related deaths [*Specify*] ⟶ Cardiac Tamponade Ruptured Myocardial Infarc
- ☐ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- ☐ Accidental alcohol/drug intoxication [*Describe*] ⟶
- ☐ Accidental injury to self [*Describe*] ⟶
- ☐ Accidental injury by other (e.g., vehicular accidents during transport) [*Describe*] ⟶
- ☐ Suicide (e.g., hanging, knife/cutting instrument, intentional drug overdose) [*Describe*] ⟶
- ☐ Homicide [*Describe*] ⟶
- ☐ Other cause(s) [*Specify*] ⟶

16. Where did the <u>incident</u> (e.g., accident, suicide, or homicide) causing the death take place?

- ☑ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related
- ☐ In the jail facility or on the jail grounds

  [PLEASE SPECIFY] →
  - ☐ In the inmate's cell/room
  - ☐ In a temporary holding area/lockup
  - ☐ In a common area within the facility (e.g., yard, library, cafeteria)
  - ☐ In a segregation unit
  - ☐ In a special medical unit/infirmary
  - ☐ In a special mental health services unit
  - ☐ Elsewhere within the jail facility

  → *Please Specify:*
- ☐ Outside the jail facility (e.g., while on work release or on work detail)
- ☐ Elsewhere

→ *Please Specify:*

17. When did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide, or homicide) causing the death occur?

- ☑ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related

- ☐ Morning (6 am to Noon)
- ☐ Afternoon (Noon to 6 pm)
- ☐ Evening (6 pm to Midnight)
- ☐ Overnight (Midnight to 6 am)

18. Excluding emergency care provided at the time of death, did the inmate receive any of the following medical services for the medical condition that caused his/her death after admission to your correctional facilities?

- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
a. Evaluation by physician/medical staff	☐	☐	☑
b. Diagnostic tests (e.g., X-rays, MRI)	☐	☐	☑
c. Medications	☐	☐	☑
d. Treatment/care other than medications	☐	☐	☑
e. Surgery	☐	☐	☑
f. Confinement in special medical unit.	☐	☐	☑

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM (a–f)

19. Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the inmate develop the condition after admission? *(If multiple conditions caused the death and any of the conditions were pre-existing, mark "Pre-existing medical condition.")*

- ☐ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

- ☑ Pre-existing medical condition
- ☐ Deceased developed condition after admission
- ☐ Could not be determined

Please add any additional notes regarding this death here:

Information provided by:
Renata Zablocka
MCI Agency Liaison
(800) 334-8571 ext. 2-3883

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: Spartanburg County Detention Facility- 950 California Ave.: Spartanburg, SC 29303

2. NAME OF DECEASED: Cooper, Peter William SCDC# 383672

3. HOME ADDRESS: _____

4. DESCRIPTION: DOB 04/04/____ HEIGHT 6'0" WEIGHT 142 HAIR GRAY

   EYES BLU SEX M RACE W SOC SEC # _____

5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): 16-15-0140 LEWD ACT ON MINOR Force Sex Assault, Fondling

   _____ SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☒

6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 02/10/2019 14:21:00

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: Jack Cooper

8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: Healthy nothing reported by the inmate and nothing indicated by the booking clerk, supervisor, or medical intake.

9. CAUSE OF DEATH: _____

10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: _____ a.m. _____ p.m. _____ day July month 2019 year

11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: _____

12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: _____

13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: 9:00 AM on 7/22/19

14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY: Corporal Kendra Peake, 7/21/19 0049, Medical Holding Cell 2

15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 847 (Actual Count) 25 (# of Officers on Duty)

16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 2117

NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502

MAIL OR DELIVER REPORT TO:

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
POST OFFICE BOX 21787
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29221



SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL MAKING REPORT

Lieutenant Robert Duclos
TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE OF OFFICIAL

7/21/19
DATE OF REPORT

SCDC 8-2 (Revised July 1, 2011)

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Elmore County child sex abuse suspect dies in SC police custody



Peter W. Cooper (Source: Spartanburg County, SC, Sheriff's Office)

By WSFA 12 News Staff

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SPARTANBURG, SC. (WSFA) - An **Elmore County man who was arrested** and extradited to South Carolina in early 2019 to face charges on child sex abuse allegations has died in police custody.

Spartanburg County, South Carolina Coroner Rusty Clevenger confirmed that Peter William Cooper, 64, was found unresponsive around 1 a.m. Sunday and later pronounced dead.

Cooper was at the center of a growing sex abuse investigation dating back decades.

The Greenville County, SC, Sheriff's Office had charged him in connection to one of three victims who had accused him of sexually molesting them when they were young girls.

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One victim who said he molested her in Alabama contacted authorities but no charges were brought because the statute of limitations had run out.

One victim told WSFA 12 News she contacted Cooper through social media and that he'd apologized. She took that information to authorities, who ultimately opened an investigation and brought charges.

The victims said the abuse occurred during church-related activities like home Bible study and Bible camp. Cooper served as a minister for multiple churches during his lifetime. Most recently before his arrest, he was in fellowship with Prattville Church of Christ.

Church leadership confirmed that while he did not place membership and was not on the payroll, he had been was invited to speak in the fall of 2018. His attendance was described as irregular for some time, but he attended more frequently during the last year before his arrest.

After the church learned of the allegations, Cooper was unable to have access to children at the church. Church leaders said they had not gotten any allegations or did they know of any victims, but were ready to cooperate with authorities in any investigation.

Cooper, who had been in the South Carolina lockup since Feb. 10, had previously been moved to a medical pod because of earlier medical complaints, the coroner said.

An autopsy did not appear to show any signs of foul play, according to Clevenger, though final results and findings are still pending.

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