Record of Death

Provided by LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections on 03/29/2022

2021

Offender Name: Austin Cole

DOC #: 738570

Age / Race: 24 / White

Admit Date: 8/20/2019

Sentence: 3 yrs

Admit Date at Last Facility: 12/18/2020

Facility / Housing Unit: Local/ Richland Parish DC / Dorm H

Date of Death: 5/9/2021

Cause of Death: Myocarditis

Category of Death: Heart

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Ordered: Yes

Location: LOCAL

AUTOPSY REPORT

Case No: LA262-21 **Date of Examination:** May 10, 2021

Name: COLE, Austin

Age: 24 years **Race:** White **Sex:** Male

Investigating Agency: Richland Parish Coroner's Office

FINDINGS

I. Diffuse Visceral Congestion.

II. Myocarditis, microscopic.

III. Bite clench marks on tongue.

IV. No evidence of trauma.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Myocarditis.

OPINION:

This 24-year-old, white male, Austin Cole, died of myocarditis. Investigation of the circumstances of death revealed that the decedent was an inmate at the Richland Parish Detention Center where he was alone in his cell at the time he was found deceased. There was no evidence of foul play reported.

Autopsy demonstrated no evidence of trauma. There was abundant amount of pulmonary edema and congestion.

Microscopic examination showed myocarditis (an infection of the heart muscle) which is usually caused by a viral infection. In addition, the lungs showed "heart failure" cells.

Toxicology detected no evidence of drugs in the blood to include synthetic cannabinoids.

Frank J. Peretti, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body was that of a well-developed, well-nourished, white male clad in gray prison sweatpants and undergarments. The body weighed 290 pounds, measured 74 inches in length and appeared compatible with the stated age of 24 years. The body was cold. Rigor mortis was present and fixed to an equal degree in all extremities. Lividity was present and fixed on the posterior surface of the body except in areas exposed to pressure. Multiple tattoos were present on the torso and extremities. The scalp hair was brown. The deceased wore a mustache and beard. The irides were hazel. The corneae were cloudy. The sclerae and conjunctivae were somewhat congested. No petechial hemorrhages were present. The external nares and oral cavity contained abundant amount of froth. The teeth were natural and in good condition. Examination of the neck revealed no evidence of injury. The chest was unremarkable. No evidence of injury of the ribs or the sternum was evident externally. The abdomen was flat and no scars or injuries were noted. The external genitalia were that of a normal adult male. The lower extremities showed a few irregular scars. A coroner's identification bracelet encircled the right ankle. The ankles and feet were clean. No needle tracks or wrist scars were noted. Wrapped around the right middle finger was a white bandage. Removal of the bandage showed what appeared to be a collapsed blister and superficial cut under the nail. The posterior torso was unremarkable.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL ATTENTION:

EKG electrodes were present on the front of the chest.

EVIDENCE OF OLD INJURY:

None.

EVIDENCE OF RECENT INJURY:

None.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The subcutaneous fat layer measured up to 2 inches. No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid were present in the body cavities. All body organs were present in normal anatomic position and diffusely congested. Petechial hemorrhages were not present on the thoracic organs. There was no internal evidence of blunt force or penetrating injury to the thoraco-abdominal region.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The pericardial surfaces were smooth, glistening and unremarkable. The pericardial sac contained a few milliliters of fluid and there were no adhesions. The heart was normal in size, shape and configuration. The coronary arteries arose normally, followed the usual distribution and were widely patent, without evidence of significant atherosclerosis or thrombosis. The chambers and valves exhibited the usual size-position relationship and were unremarkable. The myocardium was dark red-brown, firm and unremarkable. The atrial and ventricular septa were intact. The aorta and its major branches arose normally, followed the usual course and were widely patent, free of significant atherosclerosis and other abnormality. The vena cava and its major tributaries returned to the heart in the usual distribution and were free of thrombi. The heart weighed 490 grams.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The pleural surfaces were smooth and glistening. The pulmonary arteries were normally developed, patent and without thrombus or embolus. The upper and lower airways contained abundant amount of froth. The pulmonary parenchyma was grayish-purple and diffusely congested with no focal lesions. The right lung weighed 1000 grams; the left 990 grams.

NECK:

Examination of the soft tissues of the neck, including strap muscles, thyroid gland and large vessels, revealed no abnormalities or hemorrhage. The hyoid bone and larynx were intact. The epiglottis and vocal cords were unremarkable.

ALIMENTARY TRACT:

Bite clench marks were present on the tongue. The esophagus, stomach, small and large bowel, rectum and anus showed no lesions or abnormalities. The stomach contained 200 mL of partially digested food. The appendix was present.

LIVER AND BILIARY SYSTEM:

The hepatic parenchyma was maroon with no focal lesions. The gallbladder contained a few milliliters of bile. The liver weighed 1520 grams.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The cortical surfaces were red-brown and smooth. The calyces, pelves and ureters were unremarkable. The urinary bladder was dilated with 100 mL of urine. Prostate and testes were unremarkable. The right kidney weighed 200 grams; the left 190 grams.

RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEM:

The spleen had a smooth, intact capsule covering red-purple, parenchyma. The regional lymph nodes were not enlarged and appeared normal. The spleen weighed 230 grams.

ENDOCRINE AND EXOCRINE SYSTEMS:

The pituitary, thyroid, adrenal glands, and pancreas were free of obvious disease.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

Muscles were red-brown and within normal development. No bone or joint abnormalities were noted. The cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine showed no obvious old fractures or other abnormalities.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:

The scalp showed no edema or hemorrhage. The calvarium and base of the skull showed no fractures. The dura and falx cerebri were intact. There was no epidural, subdural or subarachnoid hemorrhage present. The leptomeninges were clear. The cerebral hemispheres were symmetric. The cranial nerves were intact. The circle of Willis and related blood vessels were normal in caliber and distribution. Sections through the cerebral hemispheres, brain stem and cerebellum revealed no focal lesions. The brain weighed 1500 grams.

HISTOLOGY:

Brain: Vascular congestion. No lesions.

Lungs: Edema and congestion. Multiple hemosiderin laden macrophages are present.

Heart: Sections show lymphocytic and eosinophilic infiltrations with myocyte necrosis.

Liver, Spleen, Kidneys: Congestion. No lesions.

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Toxicology Report

Report Issued 06/07/2021 13:10

To: **147923**
Dr. Frank Peretti (LDH OSP), Little Rock
8710 Faulkner Lake Road

North Little Rock, AR 72117

Patient Name	COLE, AUSTIN
Patient ID	LA262-21
Chain	30261177
Age	24 Y
DOB	[redacted]
Gender	Male
Workorder	21163165

Positive Findings:

Compound	Result	Units	Matrix Source
Caffeine	Positive	mcg/mL	001 - Femoral Blood

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

Testing Requested:

Analysis Code	Description
8054B	Postmortem, Expanded with NPS, Blood (Forensic)
9566B	Synthetic Cannabinoids (Add-On), Blood

Specimens Received:

ID	Tube/Container	Volume/ Mass	Collection Date/Time	Matrix Source	Labeled As
001	Gray Top Tube	8.75 mL	05/10/2021	Femoral Blood	30261177 A
002	Gray Top Tube	9 mL	05/10/2021	Femoral Blood	30261177 A
003	Red Top Tube	4.75 mL	05/10/2021	Vitreous Fluid	30261177 B
004	White Plastic Container	30 mL	05/10/2021	Urine	30261177 C

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.

Specimens received on 05/11/2021.

Detailed Findings:

Analysis and Comments	Result	Units	Rpt. Limit	Specimen Source	Analysis By
Caffeine	Positive	mcg/mL	0.20	001 - Femoral Blood	LC/TOF-MS

Other than the above findings; examination of the specimen(s) submitted did not reveal any positive findings of toxicological significance by procedures outlined in the accompanying Analysis Summary.

Unless alternate arrangements are made by you, the remainder of the submitted specimens will be discarded one (1) year from the date of this report; and generated data will be discarded five (5) years from the date the analyses were performed.

Workorder 21163165 was electronically signed on 06/07/2021 12:14 by:

Daniel S. Isenschmid, Ph.D., F-ABFT
Forensic Toxicologist

Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

All of the following tests were performed for this case. For each test, the compounds listed were included in the scope. The Reporting Limit listed for each compound represents the lowest concentration of the compound that will be reported as being positive. If the compound is listed as None Detected, it is not present above the Reporting Limit. Please refer to the Positive Findings section of the report for those compounds that were identified as being present.

Acode 8054B - Postmortem, Expanded with NPS, Blood (Forensic) - Femoral Blood

-Analysis by Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Barbiturates	0.040 mcg/mL	Gabapentin	5.0 mcg/mL
Cannabinoids	10 ng/mL	Salicylates	120 mcg/mL

-Analysis by Headspace Gas Chromatography (GC) for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Acetone	5.0 mg/dL	Isopropanol	5.0 mg/dL
Ethanol	10 mg/dL	Methanol	5.0 mg/dL

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry QTRAP (LC-MS/MS QTRAP) for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
4-cyano-CUMYL-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL	ADMB-CHMINACA	0.10 ng/mL
4-fluoro-MDMB-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL	ADMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL
5-fluoro-EDMB-PINACA	0.10 ng/mL	ADMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PICA	0.10 ng/mL	AMB-CHMINACA	1.0 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PINACA / 5-fluoro-EMB-PINACA	0.20 ng/mL	AMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MMB-PINACA	0.050 ng/mL	CUMYL-THPINACA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-NA-PIC	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMCZCA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-QU-PINAC	0.10 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
ADAMANTYL-FUBINACA	0.20 ng/mL	MDMB-CHMINAC	0.10 ng/mL

Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

Compound	Rpt. Limit
MDMB-FUBICA	0.10 ng/mL
MDMB-FUBINACA / EMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
MMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
MMB-CHMINACA	0.20 ng/mL
MMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL
MMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
NA-FUBIC	1.0 ng/mL
NA-FUBIM	0.20 ng/mL

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Time of Flight-Mass Spectrometry (LC/TOF-MS) for: The following is a general list of analyte classes included in this screen. The detection of any specific analyte is concentration-dependent. Note, not all known analytes in each specified analyte class are included. Some specific analytes outside of these classes are also included. For a detailed list of all analytes and reporting limits included in this screen, please contact NMS Labs. Amphetamines, Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antihistamines, Antipsychotic Agents, Benzodiazepines, CNS Stimulants, Cocaine and Metabolites, Hallucinogens, Hypnosedatives, Hypoglycemics, Muscle Relaxants, Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Agents, Opiates and Opioids.

Acode 9566B - Synthetic Cannabinoids (Add-On), Blood - Femoral Blood

-Analysis by High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry QTRAP (LC-MS/MS QTRAP) for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit
4-cyano-CUMYL-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL
4-fluoro-MDMB-BINACA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-EDMB-PINACA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PICA	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MDMB-PINACA / 5-fluoro-EMB-PINACA	0.20 ng/mL
5-fluoro-MMB-PINACA	0.050 ng/mL
5-fluoro-NA-PIC	0.10 ng/mL
5-fluoro-QU-PINAC	0.10 ng/mL
ADAMANTYL-FUBINACA	0.20 ng/mL
ADMB-CHMINACA	0.10 ng/mL
ADMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL
ADMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL
AMB-CHMINACA	1.0 ng/mL
AMB-FUBINACA	1.0 ng/mL
CUMYL-THPINACA	0.10 ng/mL
MDMB-CHMCZCA	0.10 ng/mL
MDMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
MDMB-CHMINAC	0.10 ng/mL
MDMB-FUBICA	0.10 ng/mL
MDMB-FUBINACA / EMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
MMB-CHMICA	0.10 ng/mL
MMB-CHMINACA	0.20 ng/mL
MMB-FUBICA	1.0 ng/mL
MMB-FUBINACA	0.10 ng/mL
NA-FUBIC	1.0 ng/mL
NA-FUBIM	0.20 ng/mL

Form C-05-001-X-1
26 April 2018

Medical Summary Report for a Deceased Offender

(Must be submitted within 72 hours of death excluding weekends and holidays)

DATE: May 9, 2021

TO: DPS&C Medical/Mental Health Director

FROM: Medical Officer C. Miller
Medical Director or Treating Physician

FACILITY: Richland Parish Detention Center

Name/DOC#: Austin P. Cole #

Age/DOB: 24 Date of Death: May 9 2021

Place of Death: Richland Parish D.C. (Facility) _____ (Other)

(Attach ER, D/C summary, Hospital notes, etc.)

Medical Conditions: Essentially Healthy

MAR: NO Medications

Medical Summary: On May 9 2021 at approximately 12:00pm I M/O Miller was called to Unit II for a possible seizure in H-Dorm. When I M/O Miller got to Unit 2 main hall C/O Franks and Sgt. Huff had offender Austin Cole DOC# on the hall. I M/O Miller ask C/O Franks the offenders name he then stated it is offender Austin Cole. I M/O Miller stated this offender does not take any medications. As I was observing the situation on the hall I M/O Miller noticed that offender Cole was blue in color we then placed offender Cole on the floor to better observe the situation upon placing him on the floor I M/O Miller stated I can not find

a pulse on him. That is when C/O Franks and Sgt. Huff and myself started CPR on Offender Cole. C/O Franks was doing Chest Compressions I M/O Miller went to get the Crash Cart for the AMBU Bag C/O Franks and Sgt. Huff and Lt. Vinson Continued CPR. While I M/O Miller was getting the Automated External Defibrillator from the Crash cart. I applied the pads in the proper place and engaged the AED. Once engaged I then followed all verbal commands given from the device which was "Give thirty Compression and then two breaths" all while the timer was counting down from 2 min. Once the timer reached zero the device announced "Stand clear of patient Checking for rhythm" I Continued to follow the guidance of the AED for 5 more cycles when NEMA arrived they hooked Offender Cole to the monitor to get a reading the Medic Stated the Coroner needed to be called. Once the Coroner was notified I M/O Miller and C/O Franks placed a blanket over the Offender on the hall while we waited for the Coroner to arrive. Once the coroner arrived and officially called time of Death Offender Cole was picked up by the funeral home.

Autopsy: ☐ No ☑ Yes

Manner of Death:
- ☐ Expected
- ☑ Unexpected
- ☐ Suicide
- ☐ Accident
- ☐ Homicide

Physician Signature _____ Date _____ Time _____

Medical Director's Signature _____ Date _____ Time _____

Comments: _____

Form C-05-001-X
01 January 2009

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Standardized Death Report Format

Unit Name:Richland Parish Detention Center

DATE OF REPORT: May 9 2021

TO: James M. Le Blanc
Secretary

FROM: Cassandra Miller
Unit Head or Designee
Medical officer
Title

RE: Austin P. Cole
Offender's Name

Offender's DOC #

Age: 24

Manner of Death: (Please check one of the following boxes)

☐ Natural - Expected ☒ Natural - Unexpected ☐ Unnatural

Autopsy: Yes

Medical Diagnosis: UNKNOWN

NARRATIVE:
On May 9, 2021 at approximately 12:00pm I,M/O Miller was called to Unit 2 for a possible seizure in H-Dorm. When I M/O Miller got to Unit 2 main hall C/O Franks and Sgt Huff had Offender Austin Cole DOC# [redacted] on the hall, I M/O Miller ask C/O Franks the offenders name he then stated it is Offender Austin Cole. I M/O Miller stated this offender does not take any medications. As I was observing the situation on the hall I M/O Miller noticed that Offender Cole was blue in color, we then placed Offender Cole on the floor to better observe the situation, upon placing him on the floor I M/O Miller stated I can not find a pulse on him. That is when C/O Franks and Sgt,Huff and my self started CPR on Offender Cole. C/O Franks was doing chest compression's I M/O Miller went to get the crash cart for the AMBU Bag , C/O Franks and Sgt Huff and LT. Vinson

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Form C-05-001-W-1
24 July 2018

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
CORRECTIONS SERVICES UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT
(Category A, B, C Incidents)

INSTITUTION: Richland Parish Detention Center

NAME	NUMBER	DORM OR CELLBLOCK	DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME OF INCIDENT
Austin Cole		H-Dorm	05/09/2021	Approx. 12:00

LOCATION OF INCIDENT	WITNESSES
Unit 2	Lt. Vinson, Sgt. Huff, C/O Franks, M/O Miller

TYPE OF INCIDENT - CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES

Category A Incidents:

- ☐ Escape
  - ☐ Escape from inside a secure facility
  - ☐ Escape from outside a secure facility
- ☒ Death other than from natural causes/illness
  - ☐ Accident
  - ☐ Violence
  - ☐ Suicide
  - ☒ Suspicious or unknown cause
  - ☐ Execution
- ☐ Assault resulting in life threatening injury
  - ☐ Offender on staff
  - ☐ Offender on offender
  - ☐ Staff on offender
- ☐ Staff injured in the line of duty resulting in life-threatening injury (excluding assaults)
- ☐ Other
  - ☐ Significant property damage
  - ☐ Significant disruption to unit operations/loss of control (e.g. hostage situation, work stoppage of ten or more [offenders or staff], riot, natural disaster, necessity of tact team/outside assistance, lock down of all or part of the facility)
  - ☐ Large scale evacuation of all or significant part of the facility
  - ☐ Any other significant/high profile incident as determined by the Unit Head

Category B Incidents:

- ☐ Attempted escape
- ☐ Apprehension of escapee
- ☐ Death from natural causes/illness
- ☐ Gunshot, Class I
- ☐ Assault resulting in significant injury
  - ☐ Offender on staff
  - ☐ Offender on offender
- ☐ Staff injured in the line of duty resulting in significant injury (excluding assaults)
- ☐ Suicide attempts
- ☐ Hunger strike
  - ☐ Individual hunger strike
  - ☐ Organized hunger strike
- ☐ Employee arrest (arrested or charged with criminal behavior, other than traffic offense)
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  - ☐ Self-mutilation which resulted in significant injury

Category C Incidents:

- ☐ Violation of Rule No. 21, Sex Offenses
  - ☐ 21.A Non-consensual sexual act (offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ 21.B Abusive sexual act (offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ 21.C Sexual misconduct (offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ 21.D Sexual misconduct (offender-on-staff or offender-on-non incarcerated person)
  - ☐ 21.E Obscenity
  - ☐ 21.F Other prohibited sexual behavior (offender-on-offender, offender-on-staff, or offender-on-non-incarcerated person)
  - ☐ 21.G Overt display of affection
  - ☐ 21.H Failure to report any improper advances made by an employee on an offender
- ☐ Gunshot (Class II)
- ☐ Assault resulting in minor injury or no injury
  - ☐ Fight (offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ Throwing of substance (offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ Throwing of substance (offender-on-staff)
  - ☐ Other assault (offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ Other assault (offender-on-staff)
  - ☐ Weapon offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ Weapon (offender-on-staff)
- ☐ Suicide Gesture
- ☐ Hunger strike (both individual and organized)
- ☐ Use of Force
  - ☐ Immediate use of force ☐ Planned use of force ☐ Cell extractions ☐ Taser® ☐ Chemical agents

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C. Miller 5/9/21 12:00

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24 July 2018

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(Category A, B, C Incidents)

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Austin Cole	DOC	H-Dorm	05/09/2021	APPROX. 1210 HRS

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H-Dorm	Dy.Franks , Dy, H. Reiger

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- ☐ Apprehension of escapee
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- ☐ Assault resulting in significant injury
  - ☐ Offender on staff
  - ☐ Offender on offender
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  - ☐ Other assault (offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ Other assault (offender-on-staff)
  - ☐ Weapon offender-on-offender)
  - ☐ Weapon (offender-on-staff)
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End Of Report

Dy. Sgt.Huff	05/09/2021	1615 HRS
REPORTING OFFICER	DATE COMPLETED	TIME COMPLETED

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24 July 2018

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS
CORRECTIONS SERVICES UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT
(Category A, B, C Incidents)

INSTITUTION: Richland Parish Detention Center

NAME	NUMBER	DORM OR CELLBLOCK	DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME OF INCIDENT
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End Of Report

Dy. Tyler Franks	05/09/2021	1615 HRS
REPORTING OFFICER	DATE COMPLETED	TIME COMPLETED

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(Category A, B, C Incidents)

INSTITUTION: Richland Parish Detention Center

NAME	NUMBER	DORM OR CELLBLOCK	DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME OF INCIDENT
Austin Cole		H-Dorm	05/09/2021	Approx. 1248 Hours

LOCATION OF INCIDENT	WITNESSES
H-DORM	

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Sunday, May 9th, 2021, at approximately 1248 Hours, I, Maj. M. Duchesne, was notified by Warden P. Miller that Offender Austin Cole had a possible medical event, at the Richland Parish Detention Center, and died. Warden Miller requested me to respond and review camera footage.

I arrived at RPDC at approximately 1337 hours and spoke with LT. C. Vincent who stated that the incident occurred at approximately 1220 hours. I reviewed H-Dorm cameras and observed Offender Cole sleeping on his rack covered by and RPDC issued blanket. I observed Cole roll onto his left side and shortly after Cole sat up and took his top clothing off. At that time Cole appeared to be having breathing issues and attempted to get the attention of another offender. Cole then slumped over and fell out on his rack onto the floor. At that time another offender ran to the window and notified deputies of the incident (approximately 1223 hours). Act. Sgt. Huff entered H-Dorm at approximately 1224 hours. Act. Sgt. Huff took Cole out of H-Dorm via wheelchair at approximately 1226 hours. I observed Dy. T. Franks and Medical Dy. C. Miller attempt to use an ammonia strip on Cole. When that did not get a response I observed them lay Cole flat on the floor and attempt a sternum rub on Cole. I then observed Dy. Miller begin to check for a pulse. Shortly after I observed Dy. Franks begin CPR. Deputies rotated out on CPR until North East Ambulance arrive, approximately 1247 hours, and advised them to stop CPR. I observe NELA working on Cole until approximately 1300 hours at which time they advise call for a coroner. Inv. T. Wade, Richland Parish Sheriff's Office, arrived at approximately 1325 hours.

Dy. Coroner S. Hesser was dispatched. Brown and Holley Funeral Home was contacted to collect Cole. Cole will be sent for an autopsy. Brown and Holley left with Cole at approximately 1447 hours.

Maj Mich Duchesne
REPORTING OFFICER

05-09-2021
DATE COMPLETED

1550 Hrs
TIME COMPLETED

Incident Report

May 10, 2021

At appromately 12:35 pm on Sunday, May 9, 2021 I , Warden Patricia Miller,was notified by Sheriff Gary Gilley that an ambulance had been called to the Richland Parish Detention Center concerning a medical emergency. The Sheriff notified Investigator Tyler Wade with Sheriff Office. I called the detention center and talked to Lt. Chris Vinson, who told me that Offender Austin Cole was brought out of dorm H unresponsive and the ambulance was enroute. I notified Chief of Security, Micah Duchesne appromately 12:48 p.m to come and review footage.

I arrived on compound at appromately 13:00 pm and was told the Offender had died. The coroner was called. Investigator came on compound around 13:25 hours.

Dy. Coroner S. Hesser arrived on compound at 13:19 hours and he pronounced Offender Austin Cole dead at 13:20 hours.

I notified Chaplain Whit Bass at 13:55 hours to notify family of Offender Cole. Chaplain Bass was unable to reach anyone because of a wrong phone number. Donielle's, Cole's mother, fiance did call later and I talked to him and informed him of the situation. His mom did want control of the body.

Brown and Holley Funeral Home picked up the body and it was to be sent for autopsy .

I responded with Mrs. Cole this morning and we will send the body to her choice of funeral home.

Patricia Miller

Warden Patricia Miller

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On May 09, 2021 at Approximately 1210hrs I Lt. C. Vinson was Called to Unit 2 Main Hall. As I arrived onto the main hall Sgt. E. Huff, M/O C. Miller, and Dy. T. Franks had Offender Austin Cole laying in the hall outside of H-Dorm. Dy. Franks was giving the offender chest compression's and Sgt. Huff was giving the offender oxygen using the AMBU bag. We then applied the AED to Offender Cole. At 1217 hrs NELA was notified and in route to RPDC. While waiting on the arrival of NELA Dy. T. Franks and myself continued chest compression's. NELA arrived at 1235hrs and took over. The offender at this time still had no pulse and was turning a light shade of blue. His upper chest had turned a shade of red and Offender Cole was becoming cold. The Coroner was notified and Offender Cole was pronounced deceased at 1320hrs by Coroner Sam Hesser.

End Of Report

Lt. Chris Vinson	05/09/2021	1700 HRS
REPORTING OFFICER	DATE COMPLETED	TIME COMPLETED