Record of Death

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

2021

Offender Name: Kenneth Whidden

DOC #: 701750

Age / Race: 57 / White

Admit Date: 7/31/2015

Sentence: 10 yrs

Admit Date at Last Facility: 6/10/2020

Facility / Housing Unit: Local/ Richland / Dorm A

Date of Death: 5/2/2021

Cause of Death: Large Saddle Pulmonary Embolism ć multiple bilateral peripheral emboli

Category of Death: Other- Pulmonary Thromboembolism

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Ordered: Yes

Location: LOCAL

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 2, 2021

TO: DPS&C Medical/Mental Health Director

FROM: Medical Officer A. Hudson
Medical Director or Treating Physician

FACILITY: Richland Parish Detention Center

Name/DOC#: Kenneth W Hidden #

Age/DOB: 56 Date of Death: May 2, 2021

Place of Death: Richland Parish Detention Center (Facility) _____ (Other)

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

Medical Conditions: Allergies, Shoulder Pain, Mental Health, Covid 19

MAR:

Medical Summary: On April 2, 2021 at approximately 0315 Hrs I, M/O Hudson was on the main hall of Unit 1, when Dy C. Franks stuck her head out of the door of Interlock 12 and stated "They just came to the window of A Dorm and stated there is a guy in there that is blue in the face and looks like he is not breathing". I grabbed a set of gloves from the counter on Unit 1 hallway and then entered A Dorm. When I walked through the door offenders began to point in the direction of the person in question, and as I got closer I was able to identify the person laying in the bed as Kenneth Whidden DOC #701750 and noticed that he was blue in appearance on the lower left side of his face along with what appeared to be stomach contents from vomiting. I announced over the radio "Assistance needed in A Dorm, get an ambulance en route". I checked for a pulse but did not feel one, so I moved him from his bed to the floor and began Chest Compressions. While I was doing compressions SGT Soignier arrived with an AMBU Bag.

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Autopsy: ☐ No ☑ Yes

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

Physician Signature _____ Date _____ Time _____

HDQ 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 2, 2021

TO: James M. Le Blanc
Secretary

FROM: Adam Hudson
Unit Head or Designee
Medical Officer
Title

RE: Kenneth Whidden
Offender's Name

Offender's DOC #

Age: 56

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

☐ Natural - Expected ☐ Natural - Unexpected ☒ Unnatural

Autopsy: Yes

Medical Diagnosis: Allergies, Shoulder Pain, Mental Health, Covid-19

NARRATIVE:

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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case No: LA246-21 **Date of Examination:** May 2, 2021

Name: WHIDDEN, Kenneth

Age: 57 years **Race:** White **Sex:** Male

Investigating Agency: Richland Parish Coroner's Office

FINDINGS

I. Large Saddle Pulmonary Embolism with multiple small bilateral peripheral emboli.

II. Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease.
A. Atherosclerosis of coronary arteries, mild to moderate.

NAME: WHIDDEN, Kenneth **PARISH:** Richland **CASE NO:** LA246-21

CAUSE OF DEATH: Pulmonary Embolism due to Deep Vein Thrombosis.

OPINION:

This 57-year-old, white male, Kenneth Whidden, died of a pulmonary embolism due to deep vein thrombosis with the contributory factor of arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Investigation of the circumstances of death revealed that the decedent was an inmate in Richland Parish when he was found dead. There was no evidence of foul play reported at the scene.

Autopsy demonstrated no trauma. There was a large pulmonary embolus and multiple small bilateral peripheral emboli (blood clots in the lungs) which originated in the deep veins of the lower extremities. Other evidence of disease included atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries.

Frank J. Peretti, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist

NAME: WHIDDEN, Kenneth PARISH: Richland CASE NO: LA246-21

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body was that of a well-developed, well-nourished, white male clad in a cut shirt, pants, briefs, and socks. The body weighed 217 pounds, measured 73 inches in length and appeared compatible with the stated age of 57 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. There was marked plethora of the face and neck. The scalp hair was brown-red. The deceased wore a mustache and goatee. The irides were hazel. The corneae were cloudy. The sclerae and conjunctivae showed diffuse congestion. No petechial hemorrhages were detected. The external nares and oral cavity contained bloody, watery secretions. 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 with a small umbilical hernia. The external genitalia were that of a normal adult male. The lower extremities showed a few irregular scars. The ankles and feet were clean. No tattoos, needle tracks or wrist scars were noted. The posterior torso was unremarkable.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL ATTENTION:

EKG electrodes were present on the chest.

EVIDENCE OF OLD INJURY:

None.

EVIDENCE OF RECENT INJURY:

None.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The subcutaneous fat layer measured up to 1 1/2 inches. No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid were present in the body cavities. All body organs were present in normal anatomic position and were 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.

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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 with some mild calcific atherosclerosis without evidence of acute 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 420 grams.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The pleural surfaces were smooth and glistening. There was a large saddle pulmonary embolism with multiple small bilateral peripheral emboli. The pulmonary parenchyma was grayish-purple and diffusely congested. The right lung weighed 900 grams; the left 720 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:

The tongue, esophagus, stomach, small and large bowel, rectum and anus showed no lesions or abnormalities. The stomach contained 500 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 contained no urine. Prostate and testes were unremarkable. The right kidney weighed 200 grams; the left 210 grams.

NAME: WHIDDEN, Kenneth PARISH: Richland CASE NO: LA246-21

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 200 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. Examination of the deep veins of the lower extremities detected no thrombi.

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 and diffusely congested. 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.

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Toxicology Report

Report Issued 05/17/2021 12:15

To: 10885
Dr. Frank Peretti
8710 Faulkner Lake Road

North Little Rock, AR 72117

Patient Name	WHIDDEN, KENNETH
Patient ID	LA248-21
Chain	30264590
Age	Not Given **DOB** Not Given
Gender	Male
Workorder	21155212

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
8042B	Postmortem, Expanded w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic)

Specimens Received:

ID	Tube/Container	Volume/ Mass	Collection Date/Time	Matrix Source	Labeled As
001	Gray Top Tube	8.75 mL	05/02/2021	Femoral Blood	30264590 A
002	Gray Top Tube	8.75 mL	05/02/2021	Femoral Blood	30264590 A
003	Red Top Tube	4.75 mL	05/02/2021	Vitreous Fluid	30264590 B

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.

Specimens received on 05/05/2021.

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Workorder 21156212
Chain 30264690
Patient ID LA246-21

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 21156212 was electronically signed on 05/17/2021 11:25 by:

Erin A. Spargo, 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 8042B - Postmortem, Expanded w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, 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/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.

by the Unit Head		extractions Taser® Chemical agents

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF NEEDED)

Today, May 2, 2021, at approximately 0320 hours, I, Sgt. Soignier, came from Unit 2 with a bag valve breathing mask after hearing over the radio that M/O Hudson needed one for a situation in Unit 1. I entered A-Dorm to where Dy. Hudson was doing CPR on Offender Kenneth Whidden (_____). I assembled the bag valve mask and handed it to M/O Hudson and began chest compressions. Every 30 compressions, M/O Hudson administered 2 breaths with the bag valve mask. I observed that Offender Whidden was blue in the face and had what I suspected to be vomit on the side of his mouth. I did chest compressions for several rounds, then Lt. Easterling took over administering breaths. After doing more rounds of 30 compressions and 2 breaths, Dys. C. Heisler and B. Heisler switched positions with Lt. Easterling and I. Dy. C. Heisler began compressions and Dy. B. Heisler administered breaths while M/O Hudson attached the AED pads to Offender Whidden's chest. We followed the directions from the automated voice on the AED to allow it to read for pulse and when to begin CPR again. Dy. Hocutt directed NELA Ambulance into the dorm and we allowed them to take over the scene. NELA Ambulance personnel advise that we call the Coroner. Dy. B. Heisler advised dispatch to have the Coroner come. Offender Whidden was placed on the stretcher and taken out of A-Dorm and placed in Cell 3. I returned to Unit 2 after checking with Lt. Easterling. End of Report.

SGT. Soignier	05/02/2021	0515 HRS
REPORTING OFFICER	DATE COMPLETED	TIME COMPLETED

RICHLAND PARISH DETENTION CENTER

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

OFFENDER:Kenneth Whidden **NUMBER:DOC #701750**

DORM:A **DATE/TIME:May 2, 2021 at Approximately 0315 Hrs**

	ASSAULT ON STAFF		MAJOR DISTURBANCE		ROOF SHAKEDOWN	X	DEATH(ILLNESS)
	AGG. SEX OFFENSE		SEX OFFENSE		SHIFT SHAKE DOWN		MENTAL HEALTH
	AGG. FIGHT		USE OF FORCE		FRT GATE SD	X	MEDICAL
	FIGHT		MINOR DISTURBANCE		MATTRESS SD		MAINTENANCE
	ESCAPE		SEARCH INMATE		GROUND SD		REPAIR REQUEST
	CONTRABAND		PROTECTION RTQ		VIOLENT DEATH		FENCE CHECK
	WEEKLY INSPECTION		MONTHLEY INSPECTION		INTOXICATED		WORK OFFENSE
	BROKEN KEY		Computer Mouse		DEFIANCE		UNIT I BACK DOOR OPEN

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SIGNITURE OF REPORTING OFFICER: m/o AH

PRINT NAME AND TITLE: Adam Hudson #952/ Medical Officer

SIGNITURE OF SUPERVISOR: C. T. E

DATE/TIME: May 2, 2021 at 1900 Hrs

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16 July 2020

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
Kenneth Whidden		A-Dorm	05/02/2021	0315

Unit 1 | WITNESSES:

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, lockdown of all or part of the facility)
  - ☐ Large scale evacuation of all or significant part of the facility
  - ☐ Any other significant/high

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)
  - ☐ Job-related employee arrests
  - ☐ Not job-related employee arrests
- ☐ Other
  - ☐ Minor disruptions to unit operations (e.g. lockdown of a group of offenders, significant water outages, small fires, limited property damage)
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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

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

INSTITUTION: Richland Parish Detention Center

NAME Kenneth Whidden	DOC	DORM OR CELLBLOCK A dorm	DATE OF INCIDENT 05/05/2021	TIME OF INCIDENT APPROX. 0320 hrs
LOCATION OF INCIDENT B DORM		WITNESSES		

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  - ☐ Planned use of force

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On 05/02/2021, at approx. 03:20 hrs., I, Deputy Hocutt, responded to a call for help from M/O Hudson in dorm A. When I got there, I observed Hudson performing CPR on inmate Kenneth Whidden. I heard Hudson say over the radio for someone to call an ambulance. Hudson and other officers performed CPR until the paramedics got to Inmate Whidden. Upon getting to Whidden, they hooked a monitor up to the inmate. The paramedics advised us to call the coroner, then went back to my regular duties.		

Deputy Hocutt	05-02-2021	03:20
REPORTING OFFICER	DATE COMPLETED	TIME COMPLETED

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

INSTITUTION: Richland Parish Detention Center

NAME: Kenneth Whidden	NUMBER	DORM OR CELLBLOCK A Dorm	DATE OF INCIDENT 05/02/2021	TIME OF INCIDENT Appx. 0315 Hours
LOCATION OF INCIDENT		WITNESSES:		

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, lockdown of all or part of the facility)
  - ☐ Large scale evacuation of all or significant part of the facility
  - ☐ Any other significant/high

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)
  - ☐ Job-related employee arrests
  - ☐ Not job-related employee arrests
- ☐ Other
  - ☐ Minor disruptions to unit operations (e.g. lockdown of a group of offenders, significant water outages, small fires, limited property damage)
  - ☐ Small-scale evacuations (e.g. evacuations from a housing unit, gym, kitchen, school, office building, etc.)
  - ☐ Any other small-scale/minor incident as determined by the Unit Head. If, due to the nature of the incident, it cannot be immediately determined if the incident is a Category A or B incident, it should be reported as a Category A incident.
  - ☐ Self-mutilation which resulted in significan

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

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF NEEDED)
On May 2,2021 at approximately 0315 hours, I, Lt. Easterling was on the Unit 1 main hall getting ready to serve breakfast chow. At that time, Dty. Carla Franks came out of Interlock 12 and advised that an offender in A dorm came to the window and told her there was another offender in the dorm that appeared to be not breathing. M/O Hudson immediately entered A dorm and I followed behind him. As I was entering the dorm, I saw M/O Hudson moving offender Kenneth Whidden (DOC#) from his bunk onto the floor. M/O Hudson began doing chest compressions on Whidden. Sgt. Soignier then arrived with an Ambu bag. Soignier took over chest compressions and I began giving breaths with the Ambu bag after every 30 compressions. 2 patrol deputies arrived in A dorm and switched places with myself and Sgt. Soignier. M/O Hudson ran to get an AED and returned to place the AED properly on Whidden. At this time, I called Warden Miller to make her aware of the situation. Warden Miller told me she was on her way. After approximately 3 cycles of the AED, 2 Northeast Ambulance medics arrived and took over. The medic hooked a monitor up to Whidden and to get a reading. At that time, the medic advised us to get the coroner in route. Offender Whidden was placed on a stretcher and moved to Cell 3 to wait on the coroner to arrive. The coroner arrived and officially called time of death. Whidden was then picked up by Brown and Holley Funeral home.

Lt. T. Easterling

Lt. Todd Easterling	05/02/2021	2340 Hours
REPORTING OFFICER	DATE	TIME

RICHLAND PARISH DETENTION CENTER

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

DORM: A DORM **DATE & TIME: 05/02/2021 APP: 03:15**

	ASSAULT ON STAFF		MAJOR DISTURBANCE		ROOF SHAKEDOWN	X	DEATH(ILLNESS)
	AGG. SEX OFFENSE		SEX OFFENSE		SHIFT SHAKE DOWN		MENTAL HEALTH
	AGG. FIGHT		USE OF FORCE		FRT GATE SD		MEDICAL
	FIGHT		MINOR DISTURBANCE		MATTRESS SD		MAINTENANCE
	ESCAPE		SEARCH INMATE		GROUND SD		REPAIR REQUEST
	CONTRABAND		PROTECTION RTQ		VIOLENT DEATH		FENCE CHECK
	WEEKLY INSPECTION		MONTHLEY INSPECTION		INTOXICATED		WORK OFFENSE
	BROKEN KEY				DEFIANCE		OTHER

ON 05/02/2021 @ APPROXIMATELY 03:15 AM OFFENDER BILLY LUCAS DOC # [redacted]4 CAME TO THE WINDOW KNOCKING SAYING THERE WAS AN OFFENDER IN HIS BED NOT BREATHING AND HE WAS BLUE AND THEY NEEDED MEDICAL. I DY C FRANKS WENT TO THE INTERLOCK DOOR AND NOTIFIED LT EASTERLING AND M/O HUDSON ON THE HALL. LT EASTERLING AND M/O HUDSON RAN IN A- DORM TO SEE ABOUT THE OFFENDER. UPON CHECKING ON THE OFFENDER M/O HUDSON CALLED NEEDING ASSISTANCE AND ADVISED TO CALL 911. . I DY C FRANKS CALLED 911 FOR MED LIFE. MED LIFE ARRIVED ON COMPOUND @ 03:45. END OF REPORT

Signature of Officer: Dy C. Franks

Print Name of Officer: DY C. FRANKS

Supervisor Signature: Lt T. Sobb

Date & Time of Report: 05/02.2021 04:33

RICHLAND PARISH DETENTION CENTER

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

OFFENDER:Kenneth Whidden **NUMBER:DOC**

DORM:A **DATE/TIME:May 2, 2021 at Approximately 0315 Hrs**

	ASSAULT ON STAFF		MAJOR DISTURBANCE		ROOF SHAKEDOWN	X	DEATH(ILLNESS)
	AGG. SEX OFFENSE		SEX OFFENSE		SHIFT SHAKE DOWN		MENTAL HEALTH
	AGG. FIGHT		USE OF FORCE		FRT GATE SD	X	MEDICAL
	FIGHT		MINOR DISTURBANCE		MATTRESS SD		MAINTENANCE
	ESCAPE		SEARCH INMATE		GROUND SD		REPAIR REQUEST
	CONTRABAND		PROTECTION RTQ		VIOLENT DEATH		FENCE CHECK
	WEEKLY INSPECTION		MONTHLEY INSPECTION		INTOXICATED		WORK OFFENSE
	BROKEN KEY		Computer Mouse		DEFIANCE		UNIT I BACK DOOR OPEN

On April 2, 2021 at approximately 0315 Hrs I, M/O Hudson was on the main hall of Unit 1, when Dy. C. Franks stuck her head out of the door of Interlock 12 and stated " They just came to the window of A dorm and stated there is a guy in there that is blue in the face and looks like he is not breathing". I grabbed a set of gloves from the counter on Unit 1 hallway and then entered A dorm. When I walked through the door Offenders began to point in the direction of the person in question, and as I got closer, I was able to identify the person laying in the bed as Kenneth Whidden DOC and noticed that he was blue in appearance on the lower left side of his face along with what appeared to be stomach contents from vomiting. I announced over the radio "Assistance needed now in A Dorm, get an ambulance en route". I checked for a pulse but did not feel one so I moved him from his bed to the floor and began Chest Compressions. While I was doing compression's, SGT Soignier arrived with an AMBU Bag. SGT Soignier took over chest compression while Lt Easterling gave breaths with the AMBU bag and rotated with two patrol deputies who arrived on scene while I ran and grabbed the Automated External Defibrillator from the crash cart. When I arrived back to A dorm with the AED, I cut offender Whidden's shirt off of him so I could apply 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 minutes. 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 two more cycles when the ambulance arrived and when the NELA Female Medic entered the dorm and hooked offender Whidden to the monitor to get a reading, and then the medic stated that the Coroner needed to be dispatched to the scene. Once the coroner was notified I, M/O Hudson, then made the decision to place Offender Whidden on the stretcher so we could move him out of the dorm while we waited for the Coroner. Offender Whidden was then placed in Cell 3. Once the coroner arrived and officially called time of death. Offender Whidden was picked up by the funeral home. N.F.T.R.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER: m/o

PRINT NAME AND TITLE: Adam Hudson #952/ Medical Officer

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR: Lt T. E

DATE/TIME: May 2, 2021 at 1900 Hrs