Record of Death

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

2021

Offender Name: Pernell Young

DOC #: 430899

Age / Race: 40 / Black

Admit Date: 6/11/2019

Sentence: 7 years

Admit Date at Last Facility: 2/22/2021

Facility / Housing Unit: Local/ W. Feliciana TWP / Dorm

Date of Death: 9/26/2021

Cause of Death: positive for fentanyl & Meth

Category of Death: Overdose

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Ordered: Yes

Location: W. Feliciana TWP

Report Number: 2100004353 000 **Report Date:** 09/26/2021 15:00 **Report Type:** 29
Location: 09943 WEST FELICIANA PARISH PK
District/Zone: ST FRAN
ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA 70775 **Division:** INV
Reporting Officer: GT2170 - TANNER,GERALD **Date:** 09/27/2021
Investigator: GT2170 - TANNER,GERALD **Date:** 09/27/2021
UCR Status: NOT APPLICABLE **Date:** 09/27/2021
Case Status: CLOSED - NO ARREST **Date:** 11/18/2021

----------Person 1:----------

Person Type: Victim
Person Name: PERNELL YOUNG
Date of Birth: [redacted] **Age:** 040 **Report Age:** 040
Social Security: [redacted] **Sex:** M **Race:** B **Ethnicity:** N
Hair Color: BLACK **Eyes:** BROWN **Height:** 6'00" **Weight:** 276
Address: 02520 WALKER LN
MERAUX, LA 70075

Property:

----------Property Item 1:----------

Property Loss: Evidence
Property Type: DRUGS **Brand:** HEROIN **Color:** BROWN
Model: **Size:** **Tag No:** 21-530
Value #: 0.00 **Quantity:** 001 **Caliber:**
Date Reported: 09/26/2021 **Serial Number:**
Characteristics: (1) FOLDED PIECE OF PAPER CONTAINING SUSPECTED HEROIN/FENTYNOL
Description: PCKG: 6X9
Drug Quantity #: 0.010 **Unit Meas:** GM **Drug Type:** D
Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER,GERALD **Date:** 09/30/2021
Recovery Address: 04030 B HERNDON AV
BATON ROUGE, LA
Recovered Value: 0.00 **Condition:**

----------Property Item 2:----------

Property Loss: Evidence
Property Type: DRUGS **Brand:** MOJO **Color:** GREEN
Model: **Size:** **Tag No:** 21-529
Value #: 0.00 **Quantity:** 001 **Caliber:**
Date Reported: 09/26/2021 **Serial Number:**
Characteristics: (1) CLEAR PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING SUSPECTED SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA
Description: PCKG: 6X9 LSP LAB SUBM. ON 10/11/2021
Drug Quantity #: 000000000.400 **Unit Meas:** GM **Drug Type:** E
Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER,GERALD **Date:** 09/30/2021
Recovery Address: 04030 B HERNDON AV
BATON ROUGE, LA
Recovered Value: 0.00 **Condition:**

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----------Property Item 3:----------

Property Loss: Evidence
Property Type: DVD **Brand:** WORK RELEA **Color:**
Model: **Size:** **Tag No:** 21-600
Value #: 0.00 **Quantity:** 001 **Caliber:**
Date Reported: 09/26/2021 **Serial Number:**
Characteristics: (1) DVD CONTAINING WORK RELEASE SECURITY FOOTAGE
Description: PCKG: 6X9
Drug Quantity #: . **Unit Meas:** **Drug Type:**
Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER,GERALD **Date:** 09/27/2021
Recovery Address: 09943 WEST FELICIANA PARISH PK
ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA
Recovered Value: 0.00 **Condition:**

Narrative:
Death
On September 27, 2021, I (Det. Wayne Tanner) was informed about an offender who was found unresponsive in the dorm of the West Feliciana Work Release.

Capt. Michaela McNeal, who was the on call detective, advised Offender Pernell Young was found unresponsive by his bunk and later pronounced deceased. Capt. McNeal stated there was no sign of trauma, and the cause of death was unknown.

Evidence Custodian David Ellis retrieved the security footage from West Feliciana Work Release, and burned it onto a DVD. Offender Young is the right corner of the dorm (furthest from the camera) on the bottom bunk, so he can't be seen on the security footage. I later submitted the DVD into evidence.

Capt. McNeal also provided me with a written statement she obtained from Offender Clarence Guidry. Offender Guidry's bunk was near Offender Young's. Offender Guidry stated he and Offender Young were watching a football game in their bunks. Offender Guidry stated Offender Young got up and went to the bathroom and laid back down when he returned. Offender Guidry stated he fell asleep and when he woke up, Offender Young was laying on the ground. Offender Guidry stated he notified Work Release staff, who began CPR. Offender Guidry added he and Offender were just talking about the game before he fell asleep.

Warden Chad Menzina later provided me with the UOR's from the deputies involved in the incident.

Deputy Harold Edenfield stated he was called to B Dorm by Offender Guidry. He observed Offender Young laying on the floor by his bunk unresponsive. Deputy Edenfield stated they checked for a pulse and Deputy Robert Butler began CPR.

Deputy Robert Butler's UOR was similar to Deputy Edenfield's. Deputy Butler stated he checked for a pulse and did not locate one so he began CPR.

Deputy David Feldman stated he began making notifications to the Work Release supervisors,

and he retrieved the AED.

On September 30, 2021, I attended Offender Young's autopsy at the East Baton Rouge Coroner's office. While preparing Offender Young for the autopsy, the Coroner's staff located a folded up piece of paper and a clear plastic bag containing a green leafy substance in Offender Young's pants pocket.

I opened the folded piece of paper and discovered a brownish powder substance, suspected heroin. The green leafy substance in the clear plastic bag appeared to be mojo. The Coroner's staff also advised me that Offender Young's urine sample test positive for fentanyl. I collected the suspected narcotics and submitted them into evidence.

As of November 18, 2021, I have not received the autopsy report from the Coroner's office.

Once EMS arrived they took over CPR, and transported Offender Young to the hospital. Offender Young was later pronounced deceased.