Record of Death

Provided by LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections on 10/04/2023

2022

Name: Paul Francois

DOC #: 624798

Age / Race: 28 / Black or African American

Gender: Male

First Admission Date to DOC: 5/14/2014

Sentence: 10 years

Facility / Housing Unit: Local - Madison Parish CC / Dorm 4-D

Date of Death: 5/10/2022

Time of Death: 3:21:00 AM

Manner of Death: Overdose

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Required: Yes

Location: Local - Madison Parish CC

Form C-05-001-X
14 May 2018

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Standardized Death Report Format

Unit Name: Southern Correctional Center, Tallulah, La.

DATE OF REPORT: May 10, 2022

TO: James M. Le Blanc
Secretary

FROM: Chris Stinson
Unit Head or Designee
Warden
Title

RE: Paul Francois
Offender's Name
#624798
Offender's DOC #

Age: 28

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

☐ Expected x Unexpected

Autopsy: Coroner has ordered an autopsy

Medical Diagnosis: Unknown

NARRATIVE:

See accompanying offender Medical Chart

Thomas A. Neumann, M.D.
114 N Cedar St
Tallulah LA 71282

318-574-9090
318-574-9091
mpcoroner@yahoo.com

November 14, 2022

XXXXXX
J.D. Candidate, 202X
XXXXXXXXX
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RE: Public Records Request

This Fact of Death Letter is issued in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statute 44:19E (1).

This letter attests to the Fact of Death of Paul Francois, whose date of birth is 01/12/1994, who died on 05/10/2022 in Madison Parish.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Neumann, M.D.
Madison Parish Coroner

Case Number: 243-22MAD

REPORT OF THE FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST
LOUISIANA FORENSIC CENTER, LLC
P. O. Box 1320
Broussard, LA 70518
Phone 337-504-2019
Fax 337-504-2808

Name of Decedent: Francois, Paul
Address: Madison Corrections
Social Security Number: Not available
Date of Birth: Not available, age 28
Place of Death: MPH ER
Investigator: Thomas Neumann, M.D.
Witnesses: None

Date/Time of Death: 5/10/22, 3:21 a.m.
Date/Time of Autopsy:5/11/22, 10:15 a.m.
Body Identified By: Madison Parish Coroner's Office

Prosector: _____ Completed: 10/3 , 2022
Christopher Tape, MD
Forensic Pathologist

Assisted By: John Peno & Brittany Sharp, Louisiana Forensic Center

CAUSE OF DEATH
Acute fentanyl toxicity
with contributions of obesity (BMI=41),
and hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

MANNER OF DEATH
Accident

ANATOMIC SUMMARY

I. Toxicology positive:
   A. Fentanyl (plus metabolites)
   B. Naloxone (opioid antidote)
II. Obesity, BMI=41
III. Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease:
   A. Atherosclerosis, aorta and coronary arteries, minimal
   B. Nephrosclerosis, bilateral, minimal
IV. No injuries

NMS Labs
200 Welsh Road, Horsham, PA 19044-2208
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Robert A. Middleberg, PhD, F-ABFT, DABCC-TC, Laboratory Director

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Toxicology Report

Report Issued 06/02/2022 08:01

To: **147888**
Louisiana Forensic Center, LLC (LDH OSP)
PO Box 1320

Broussard, LA 70518

Patient Name	FRANCOIS, PAUL
Patient ID	243-22MAD
Chain	22166611
DOB	Not Given
Sex	Male
Workorder	22166611

Positive Findings:

Analyte	Result	Units	Matrix Source
Naloxone	**Presump Pos**	**ng/mL**	**002 - Cardiac**
Fentanyl	**10**	**ng/mL**	**002 - Cardiac**
Norfentanyl	**0.65**	**ng/mL**	**002 - Cardiac**
4-ANPP	**3.8**	**ng/mL**	**002 - Cardiac**

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

Testing Requested:

Test	Test Name
8042B	Postmortem, Expanded w/Vitreous Alcohol Confirmation, Blood (Forensic)
8054B	Postmortem, Expanded with NPS, Blood (Forensic)
9566B	Synthetic Cannabinoids Screen (Add-On), Blood

Specimens Received:

ID	Tube/Container	Volume/ Mass	Collection Date/Time	Matrix Source	Labeled As
001	Gray Top Tube	9 mL	05/11/2022 10:40	Cardiac	243-22MAD
002	Gray Top Tube	9 mL	05/11/2022 10:40	Cardiac	243-22MAD
003	Red Top Tube	4 mL	05/11/2022 10:40	Vitreous	243-22MAD
004	Blue Vial	9 mL	05/11/2022 10:40	Urine	243-22MAD

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.

Specimens received on 05/13/2022.

Timeline of Events

Paul D. Francois-DOC #624798
SCC-Building 4-D Dorm
May 10, 2022

0152 hrs.	**C/O J. Barnett (Control II) Operator notified Lt. Earnest Puckett to enter 4-D Dorm due to Offender Paul Francois being unresponsive.**
0208 hrs.	**Lt. Puckett notified Capt. Wendell Hughes the Duty Officer.**
0216 hrs.	**Lt. Puckett informed Major Tommy Farmer of the incident.**
0218 hrs.	**Lt Puckett instructed C/O Akenya Davis to call 911.**
0225 hrs.	**Madison Parish Sheriff Deputies-Captain Michael Gilmore, Sgt. John Martin and Deputy Michael Dukes arrived on compound.**
0230 hrs.	**Northeast Louisiana Ambulance EMT's Suzanne Carrington and Zachary Parks along with Assistance Chief Fred Washington arrived at SCC, Building 4 hallway, providing care to Offender Francois, due to him being unresponsive.**
0235 hrs.	**Offender Francois was removed from Building 4 by stretcher and place in the ambulance by EMT's Carrington and Parks.**
0301 hrs.	**Ambulance along with the law enforcement exit the compound with Offender Francois to Madison Parish Hospital.**
0321 hrs.	**Madison Parish Hospital Staff pronounced offender deceased.**
0323 hrs.	**Madison Parish Sheriff Department (Sgt. Martin) called Lt Puckett informing him that Offender Francois estimate time of death was 0321 hrs.**
0323 hrs.	**Major Tommy Farmer notified Warden Chris Stinson.**
0336 hrs.	**Warden Chris Stinson notified Trey Varner (Executive Officer).**
0338 hrs.	**Maj. Farmer notified Beckwith Funeral Home to pick up the body of Offender Francois from Madison Parish Hospital.**
0345 hrs.	**Madison Parish Coroner Thomas Neuman confirmed offender death.**
0407 hrs.	**La. DOC Duty Officer Ms. Dana Bell was notified of offender death by Warden Chris Stinson.**
0500 hrs.	**Beckwith Funeral Home exits Madison Parish Hospital with remains.**

Major Tommy Farmer
MCC/SCC
(318) 434-0348

Form AM-I-4-x-1 12
September 2021

Medical Summary Report for a Deceased Offender

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

DATE: 6-7-2022

TO: DPS&C Medical/Mental Health Director

FROM: S Burney FNP-C
Medical Director or Treating Physician

FACILITY: Southern Correctional Cr Housing Unit: Block 4

Name/DOC#: ~~Francis, Louis~~ Paul D. Francois

Age/DOB: [redacted] Date of Death: 5-10-2022

Place of Death: Madison Parish Hospital →
(Facility) (Other)

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

Medical Conditions: [redacted]

MAR: [redacted]

Medical Summary: [redacted]

[redacted]

Autopsy: ☐ No ☒ Yes

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

Physician Signature FNP-C | Date 6-10-22 | Time

Medical Director's Signature | Date | Time

Comments:

MADISON CORRECTIONAL CENTERS

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

NAME: Offender Paul Francois	NUMBER: #624798	DORM: 4D-22	DATE OF INCIDENT: 05-10-22	TIME: 01:52 Hours
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Building-4 D-Dorm			WITNESSES: Lieutenant Earnest Puckett, C/O Cody Faulkner, C/O Terrance Carpenter, C/O Akenya Davis C/O Jackline Barnett	

☐ ASSAULT ON STAFF	☐ MAJOR DISTURBANCE	☐ ROOF SHAKEDOWN	☐ PROTECTION REQUESTED	☐ MAINTENANCE			
☐ AGG. SEX OFFENSE	☐ SEX OFFENSE	☐ SHIFT SHAKEDOWN	☐ VIOLENT DEATH	☐ REPAIR REQUEST			
☐ AGG. FIGHT	☐ USE OF FORCE	☐ FRONT GATE SHAKEDOWN	☐ DEATH DO TO ILLNESS	☐ FENCE CHECK			
☐ FIGHT	☐ MINOR DISTURBANCE	☐ MATTRESS SHAKEDOWN	☐ MENTAL HEALTH	☐ WEEKLY INSPECTION			
☐ ESCAPE	☐ SEARCH OF AN INMATE	☐ GROUNDS SHAKEDOWN	☒ MEDICAL	☐ MONTHLY INSPECTION			
☐ CONTRABAND	☐ Other						
☐ CHEMICAL AGENTS USED			☐ MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS USED				

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF NEEDED)

On the above date and approximate time, I, Lieutenant Earnest Puckett along with C/O Cody Faulkner and C/O Terrance Carpenter removed Offender Paul Francois #624798 out 4D-Dorm. Offender Francois was removed in a wheelchair unresponsive and after placing him on the hallway Offender Francois was snoring, but we were unable to wake him up. I, Lieutenant Puckett instructed C/O Akenya Davis who is assigned to 4Control-1 to call (911) immediately. At approximately 02:25 hours the Madison Parish Sheriff Department made their arrival with Captain Michael Gilmore, Sgt. John Martin and Deputy Michael Dukes. At approximately 02:30 hours the EMT's Suzanne Carrington and Zachary Parks made their arrival along with Assistant Police Chief Fred Washington [redacted] At approximately 02:35 hours Offender Francois was removed out of the building and was placed inside the ambulance [redacted] At approximately 03:01 hours the ambulance along with the law enforcement units exits the facility enroute to Madison Parish Hospital. At approximately 03:23 hours Sgt. Martin from the Sheriff Department gave me a call stating that Offender Francois has passed away with a estimate time of death at approximately 03:21 hours. At approximately 03:38 Beckwith Funeral home was notified to pick up the body of Offender Francois. Warden Chris Stinson, Major Tommy Farmer, Captain Wendell Hughes (Duty Officer) and Nurse Stevie Burney (Nurse Practitioner) was notified of the incident.

End of Report

REPORTING OFFICER

05-10-22/04:30 Hours
DATE / TIME COMPLETED

Capt. W. Hughes
SUPERVISOR

MADISON CORRECTIONAL CENTER & LOUISIANA TRANSITIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN
UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

NAME:	NUMBER:	DORM:	DATE OF INCIDENT:	TIME
C/O Kenya Davis		Delta	5/10/22	02:11 am

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: SCC- Bldg #4 Delta Dorm

WITNESSES: C/O Barnett, C/O Faulkner, C/O Carpenter

☐ ASSAULT ON STAFF	☐ MAJOR DISTURBANCE	☐ ROOF SHAKEDOWN	☐ PROTECTION REQUESTED	☐ MAINTENANCE
☐ AGG. WORK OFFENSE	☐ SEX OFFENSE	☐ SHIFT SHAKEDOWN	☐ VIOLENT DEATH	☐ REPAIR REQUEST
☐ AGGRAVATED FIGHT	☐ USE OF FORCE	☐ FRONT GATE SHAKEDOWN	☐ DEATH DUE TO ILLNESS	☐ FENCE CHECK
☐ FIGHT	☐ MINOR DISTURBANCE	☐ MATTRESS SHAKEDOWN	☐ MENTAL HEALTH	☐ WEEKLY INSPECTION
☐ ESCAPE	☐ SEARCH OF OFFENDER	☐ GROUNDS SHAKEDOWN	☐ MEDICAL	☐ MONTHLY INSPECTION
☐ CONTRABAND	☑ Other: Death of Inmate (Paul Francois)			
☐ CHEMICAL AGENTS USED		☐ MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS USED		

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF NEEDED)

On the above date and time, C/O Barnett stated @ 01:17 am she noticed that offender (Paul Francois) 40-22, was laying in bed and after offender's was trying to awake from God still could not. At C/O Davis told C/O Faulkner and C/O T. Carpenter that they need to get that offender out of the door. That's when C/O C. Faulkner radioed (MC-9) Lt. E Puckett to 10-19. Offender (Paul Francois) was pull out of dorm in wheelchair rail placed on Tail. At approximately 02:18; I was instructed by (MC-9) to contact 911."

End of Report

C/O Kenya Davis
REPORTING OFFICER

Capt. W. Hughes
SUPERVISOR

5/10/22 / 06:38 am
DATE / TIME COMPLETED