Record of Death

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

2021

Offender Name: Karl Thomas

DOC #: 301749

Age / Race: 50 / Black

Admit Date: 2/25/2021

Sentence: 1 year

Admit Date at Last Facility: 2/25/2014

Facility / Housing Unit: Local/ Claiborne DC / Dorm B1

Date of Death: 2/28/2021

Cause of Death: Hypertensive Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease

Category of Death: Heart

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Ordered: Yes

Location: Local

LCLE - DEATH IN CUSTODY REPORTING ACT

The Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013 requires states that receive allocations under specified provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to report certain information regarding the death of any person in law enforcement custody. This may include individuals who are detained, arrested, en route to incarceration, or incarcerated in state or local facilities or a boot camp prison.

Reporting deadlines are listed below. However, you may complete the form any time during the quarter in which a death occurred, instead of waiting until due date.

Program Reports Due	Reporting Period	Quarter
January 10	October 1 – December 31	1st
April 10	January 1 – March 31	2nd
July 10	April 1 – June 30	3rd
October 10	July 1 – September 30	4th

If you have any questions or issues completing this form, please contact **Linda Gautier** at 225.342.1703.

Agency Name *

Claiborne Parish Detention Center

Contact Name *

Roxanne (First) Aubrey (Last)

Contact Phone Number *

(318)-927-4201

Contact Email *

roxanne.aubrey@claibornesheriff.org

Reporting Year *

2021 ☑

Select the Reporting Period *

- ○ 1st Quarter: October 1 - December 31
- ◉ 2nd Quarter: January 1 - March 31
- ○ 3rd Quarter: April 1 - June 30
- ○ 4th Quarter: July 1 - September 30

Decedent Information

Please provide the following decedent information. If you have multiple deaths in custody, you will report one at a time.

First Name *

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Middle Name

J.

Last Name *

Thomas

Gender *

- (●) 1. Male
- ( ) 2. Female
- ( ) 3. Other gender identity

Race (Select all that apply) *

- [ ] 1. American Indian or Alaska Native
- [ ] 2. Asian
- [x] 3. Black or African American
- [ ] 4. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- [ ] 5. White
- [ ] 6. Unknown

Ethnicity *

- ( ) 1. Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- ( ) 2. Not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- (●) 3. Unknown

Birth Year (YYYY) *

1970

If unknown, please enter "9999"

Date of Death *

02/28/2021

Time of Death *

11:15

Location of Death - Location Name (if not applicable, enter N/A) *

Claiborne Parish Detention Center / Actual time of Death was 11:23 am

This could be the name of a facility, place of business, or other designation for the location of death.

Location of Death - Street Address *

1415 Hwt 520

Location of Death - City *

Homer

Location of Death - State *

LA

Zip Code *

71040

If the event causing the death occurred in any of the following facilities, please indicate the appropriate facility below. If the event or the death did not occur in one of the facilities listed below, please use the "None of the above" answer choice. *

- 1. Municipal or county jail
- 2. State prison
- 3. State-run boot camp prison
- 4. Contracted boot camp prison
- 5. Any state or local contract facility
- 6. Other local or state correctional facility (to include any juvenile facilities)
- 7. None of the above

Please list the name of the department or agency that detained, arrested, or was in the process of arresting the deceased. *

Department Of Corrections

Please indicate the manner of death (Mark only one). *

- A. Execution
- B. Accident
- C. Death attributed to use of force by a law enforcement or corrections officer
- D. Homicide (e.g., an incident between two or more incarcerated individuals resulting in a death)
- (•) E. Natural causes
- F. Suicide
- G. Unavailable, investigation pending
- H. Other

Please provide a brief description of the circumstances leading to the death (e.g., details surrounding an event that may have led to the death, the number and affiliation of any parties involved in an incident, the location and characteristics of an incident, other context related to the death, etc.). *

Offender Karl Thomas was discovered unresponsive in his, #361, dorm B1, by other offenders and staff.

101 of 5000 max characters.

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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case No: LA108-21 **Date of Examination:** February 28, 2021

Name: THOMAS, Karl

Age: 50 years **Race:** Black **Sex:** Male

Investigating Agency: Claiborne Parish Coroner's Office

FINDINGS

I. Hypertensive Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.
   A. Cardiomegaly with left ventricular hypertrophy, 610 grams.
   B. Atherosclerosis of coronary arteries, aortic valve, and abdominal aorta.
   C. Nephrosclerosis.

II. Diabetes mellitus, clinical.

III. Obesity.

IV. No evidence of trauma.

CPSO068

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body was that of a well-developed, well-nourished, obese black male clad in a cut green-white prison uniform, boxers and four socks. The body weighed 290 pounds, measured 72 inches in length and appeared compatible with the stated age of 50 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. The scalp was bald. The deceased wore a mustache and beard. The irides were brown. The corneae were cloudy. The sclerae and conjunctivae showed congestion with petechial hemorrhage. The external nares and oral cavity contained bloody white secretions. The teeth were natural and in fair condition. Examination of the neck revealed no evidence of injury. The chest was unremarkable except for multiple remote keloid-like scars. Bilateral gynecomastia was present. No evidence of injury of the ribs or the sternum was evident externally. The abdomen was obese. The external genitalia were that of a normal adult male. The lower extremities showed a scar extending across the left knee; a few irregular scars were present. The ankles and feet were clean. A 4-inch surgical scar extended across the left elbow. No needle tracks or wrist scars were noted. The posterior torso was unremarkable except for a remote surgical scar on the right upper back.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL ATTENTION:

EKG electrodes were present on the torso.

EVIDENCE OF OLD INJURY:

None.

EVIDENCE OF RECENT INJURY:

None.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

The subcutaneous fat layer measured up to 3 inches of abdominal fat. No adhesions or abnormal collections of fluid were present in the body cavities. Petechiae were not present. All body organs were present in normal anatomic position and were diffusely congested. 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 markedly enlarged and globoid in configuration. The coronary arteries arose normally, followed the usual distribution and showed mild calcific atherosclerosis with no evidence of luminal stenosis or acute thrombosis. The left ventricle was hypertrophic. There were mild atheromatous changes involving the aortic valve and abdominal aorta. 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 showed mild atherosclerosis. The vena cava and its major tributaries returned to the heart in the usual distribution and were free of thrombi. The heart weighed 610 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 bloody froth. The pulmonary parenchyma was reddish purple and diffusely congested. The right lung weighed 1000 grams; the left 950 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 200 mL of partly 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 1820 grams.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The cortical surfaces were red-brown and granular. The calyces, pelves and ureters were unremarkable. The urinary bladder was contracted and empty. Prostate and testes were unremarkable. The right kidney weighed 160 grams; the left 170 grams.

CPSO070

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.

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 1420 grams.

CPSO071

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Toxicology Report

Report Issued 03/12/2021 08:05

To: **10885**
Dr. Frank Peretti
8710 Faulkner Lake Road

North Little Rock, AR 72117

Patient Name	THOMAS, KARL
Patient ID	LA108-21
Chain	30256490
Age 30 Y	**DOB** Not Given
Gender	Male
Workorder	21068788

Positive Findings:

Compound	Result	Units	Matrix Source
Caffeine	Positive	mcg/mL	001 - Femoral Blood
Cotinine	Positive	ng/mL	001 - Femoral Blood
Nicotine	Positive	ng/mL	001 - Femoral Blood
Creatinine (Vitreous Fluid)	1.0	mg/dL	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Sodium (Vitreous Fluid)	130	mmol/L	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Potassium (Vitreous Fluid)	12	mmol/L	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Chloride (Vitreous Fluid)	120	mmol/L	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Urea Nitrogen (Vitreous Fluid)	13	mg/dL	003 - Vitreous Fluid

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

Testing Requested:

Analysis Code	Description
1919FL	Electrolytes and Glucose Panel (Vitreous), Fluid (Forensic)
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	03/01/2021	Femoral Blood	30256490
002	Gray Top Tube	7.75 mL	03/01/2021	Femoral Blood	30256490
003	Red Top Tube	3.75 mL	03/01/2021	Vitreous Fluid	30256490

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.

Specimens received on 03/02/2021.

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
Cotinine	Positive	ng/mL	200	001 - Femoral Blood	LC/TOF-MS
Nicotine	Positive	ng/mL	100	001 - Femoral Blood	LC/TOF-MS
Creatinine (Vitreous Fluid)	1.0	mg/dL	0.050	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Colorimetry
Sodium (Vitreous Fluid)	130	mmol/L	80	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Potassium (Vitreous Fluid)	12	mmol/L	1.0	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Chloride (Vitreous Fluid)	120	mmol/L	70	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Glucose (Vitreous Fluid)	None Detected	mg/dL	35	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Urea Nitrogen (Vitreous Fluid)	13	mg/dL	3.0	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer

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 21068788 was electronically signed on 03/12/2021 07:12 by:

Denice M Teem

Denice M. Teem, B.S., D-ABFT-FT
Certifying Scientist

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 1919FL - Electrolytes and Glucose Panel (Vitreous), Fluid (Forensic) - Vitreous Fluid

-Analysis by Chemistry Analyzer for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Chloride (Vitreous Fluid)	70 mmol/L	Sodium (Vitreous Fluid)	80 mmol/L
Glucose (Vitreous Fluid)	35 mg/dL	Urea Nitrogen (Vitreous Fluid)	3.0 mg/dL
Potassium (Vitreous Fluid)	1.0 mmol/L		

-Analysis by Colorimetry (C) for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Creatinine (Vitreous Fluid)	0.050 mg/dL		

Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

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 compound classes included in this screen. The detection of any specific analyte is concentration-dependent. Note, not all known analytes in each specified compound class are included. Some specific analytes outside these classes are also included. For a detailed list of all analytes and reporting limits, 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.

Form C-05-001-X
14 May 2018

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Standardized Death Report Format

Unit Name: Claiborne Parish Detention Center

DATE OF REPORT: March 3rd, 2021

TO: James M. Le Blanc
Secretary

FROM: T. Dusty Williams
Warden

RE: Thomas, Karl - DOC# 301749

Age: 50

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

☐ Expected ☒ Unexpected

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Medical Diagnosis: Pending Autopsy

NARRATIVE:

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Re: FW: DCRA Reporting Claiborne Parish SO Death Custody Report

To Linda Gautier

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On April 12, 2021 9:36 AM roxanne.aubrey@claibornesheriff.org <roxanne.aubrey@claibornesheriff.org> wrote:

> On March 8, 2021 3:55 PM Linda Gautier <linda.gautier@lcle.la.gov> wrote:

Feedback

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Mrs. Perry,

I am needing a response about the attached repriced EOB from Correctcare, for Edwards, Morris DOB 6/14/1978 DOS 8/9/2019 Total Billed $200.36. The claim repriced to $31.85 and was sent to the Parish. I am needing to verify if this claim has been paid. If the claim has been paid, please send me the front and back of the check so I can get the payment posted to the account.

Thank you,

Jessica Thomason
(P) 615-861-6976
(F) 615-236-4040
Email v-jthomason@ochsner.org

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877-292-7999

EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

Insured:	EDWARDS, MORRIS	Paid Date:	09/11/2019	Check No:	
Patient:	INSURED	Group Name:	Louisiana DPS&C Offenders		
Patient Account:	4521058500	Group Number:	9000		
Benefit Level:	IN NETWORK	Member #:	LA00378818		
Claim Number:	2019-240001556-0000				

EDWARDS, MORRIS

PROVIDER
831173631-0000
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SHREVEPORT dba
1541 KINGS HIGHWAY

SHREVEPORT, LA 71103-4228

CLAIM SUMMARY

Total Amount Covered	$31.85
Paid by Other Insurance Company	$0.00
Total Paid by Plan	$31.85
Copay Applied	$0.00
Patient Responsibility	$0.00

Type Of Service	Service From	Service Thru	Total Charge	Discount or Penalty	Eligible Expense	Not Covered	Expl Codes	Deductible Applied	Paid At %	Benefits Paid
Hospital Services	08/09/2019	08/09/2019	200.36	168.51	31.85	0.00	13	0.00	100	31.85
TOTALS:			200.36	168.51	31.85	0.00		0.00		31.85

REMARKS

13 - PPO Benefits applied.

DPS&C Paid at Medicaid rate.

If you have any questions or disagree with this claims determination, we encourage you to call your claims examiner, at the phone number found at the top of this page, to discuss your claim. If you still disagree, a written request for an appeal may be submitted to the Plan at the above address. See your benefit booklet for details on submitting an appeal.

FW: DCRA Reporting

Linda Gautier <linda.gautier@lcle.la.gov>
To roxanne.aubrey@claibornesheriff.org

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LCLE is working on a template to be placed on our website for DCRA data entry.
http://lcle.la.gov/

I have attached a template for your use in recording deaths in custody. I would appreciate you reporting deaths quarterly.
When you return the template please name the attachment Claiborne Parish 30 Death in Custody -1-1-2021-3-31-2021 (ect...).

Contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Linda Gautier
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III. Obesity.

IV. No evidence of trauma.

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CAUSE OF DEATH: Hypertensive Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.

OPINION:

This 50-year-old, black male, Karl Thomas, died of hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease with the contributory factors of obesity and diabetes mellitus. Investigation of the circumstances of death revealed that the decedent was found dead in the Claiborne Parish jail. Reportedly his medical history was significant for hypertension and diabetes mellitus. There was no evidence of foul play reported at the scene.

The deceased had obese body habitus with no evidence of a trauma. Internal examination showed markedly enlarged heart, 610 grams; and scarring of the kidneys due to effects of hypertension and diabetes mellitus

Frank J. Peretti, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist

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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 1420 grams.

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Toxicology Report

Report Issued 03/12/2021 08:05

To: **10885**
Dr. Frank Peretti
8710 Faulkner Lake Road

North Little Rock, AR 72117

Patient Name	THOMAS, KARL
Patient ID	LA108-21
Chain	30256490
Age	30 Y
DOB	Not Given
Gender	Male
Workorder	21068788

Positive Findings:

Compound	Result	Units	Matrix Source
Caffeine	Positive	mcg/mL	001 - Femoral Blood
Cotinine	Positive	ng/mL	001 - Femoral Blood
Nicotine	Positive	ng/mL	001 - Femoral Blood
Creatinine (Vitreous Fluid)	1.0	mg/dL	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Sodium (Vitreous Fluid)	130	mmol/L	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Potassium (Vitreous Fluid)	12	mmol/L	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Chloride (Vitreous Fluid)	120	mmol/L	003 - Vitreous Fluid
Urea Nitrogen (Vitreous Fluid)	13	mg/dL	003 - Vitreous Fluid

See Detailed Findings section for additional information

Testing Requested:

Analysis Code	Description
1919FL	Electrolytes and Glucose Panel (Vitreous), Fluid (Forensic)
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	03/01/2021	Femoral Blood	30256490
002	Gray Top Tube	7.75 mL	03/01/2021	Femoral Blood	30256490
003	Red Top Tube	3.75 mL	03/01/2021	Vitreous Fluid	30256490

All sample volumes/weights are approximations.

Specimens received on 03/02/2021.

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
Cotinine	Positive	ng/mL	200	001 - Femoral Blood	LC/TOF-MS
Nicotine	Positive	ng/mL	100	001 - Femoral Blood	LC/TOF-MS
Creatinine (Vitreous Fluid)	1.0	mg/dL	0.050	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Colorimetry
Sodium (Vitreous Fluid)	130	mmol/L	80	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Potassium (Vitreous Fluid)	12	mmol/L	1.0	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Chloride (Vitreous Fluid)	120	mmol/L	70	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Glucose (Vitreous Fluid)	None Detected	mg/dL	35	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer
Urea Nitrogen (Vitreous Fluid)	13	mg/dL	3.0	003 - Vitreous Fluid	Chemistry Analyzer

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 21068788 was electronically signed on 03/12/2021 07:12 by:

Denice M. Teem, B.S., D-ABFT-FT
Certifying Scientist

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 1919FL - Electrolytes and Glucose Panel (Vitreous), Fluid (Forensic) - Vitreous Fluid

-Analysis by Chemistry Analyzer for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Chloride (Vitreous Fluid)	70 mmol/L	Sodium (Vitreous Fluid)	80 mmol/L
Glucose (Vitreous Fluid)	35 mg/dL	Urea Nitrogen (Vitreous Fluid)	3.0 mg/dL
Potassium (Vitreous Fluid)	1.0 mmol/L		

-Analysis by Colorimetry (C) for:

Compound	Rpt. Limit	Compound	Rpt. Limit
Creatinine (Vitreous Fluid)	0.050 mg/dL		

Analysis Summary and Reporting Limits:

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 compound classes included in this screen. The detection of any specific analyte is concentration-dependent. Note, not all known analytes in each specified compound class are included. Some specific analytes outside these classes are also included. For a detailed list of all analytes and reporting limits, 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.

BOOKING REPORT

KARL J THOMAS

Booking ID: 2019060174

DOC# 301749



48hr Affidavit faxed to DA on: _____

72hr hearing (if applicable) requested on: _____

72hr faxed to DA & CPSO on: _____

ID Wristband made on: _____

AFIS (if applicable) on: _____

Full Name : KARL J THOMAS **SO#:** 2019060174

Address : 3148 HURON ST BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

Date 7-1

DOB: 3/5/1970	**Age:** 50	**Height:** 6"0"	**SSN:** 435291933
Race : B	**Sex:** M	**Weight:** 250	**OLN:**
Booking Date :	2/23/2021 3:42:56 PM		
Booking Agency:	CLAIBORNE PARISH SHERIFFS OFFICE		

CHARGES

Charge: BATTERY ON A POLICE OFFICER

Arresting Agency: CPSO **LRS:** 14:34.2 **Warrant#:**

Charge Category: FELONY **Billing Agency:** CPSO-M **Bond Amount:** 0.00

Additional Fees: _____ **Total Bond Amount:** $0.00

BILLING

Agency	Billing Begin Date	Billing End Date
CPSO-M	2/23/2021 3:46:49 PM	

DETAINERS

BOND PAYMENTS

Total Bond Amount: $0.00 **Remaining Balance:** $0.00

Bondsman Type	Bondsman	Bond Type	Amount Paid

Total Bond Payment:

VICTIM NOTIFICATIONS

Time of Death: 11:23 AM

Next of Kin: Daryl Jackson 225-239-8423 (was contacted)

organizationid	year	multi_jail
10958766	2000	Yes
10958766	2001	Yes
10958766	2002	Yes
10958766	2003	Yes
10958766	2004	Yes
10958766	2005	Yes
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10958766	2008	Yes
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10958766	2011	No
10958766	2012	No
10958766	2013	No
10958766	2014	No
10958766	2015	No
10958766	2016	No
10958766	2017	No
10958766	2018	No
10958766	2019	No

facname_j	state	mctd	fctd	totctd
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	65	0	65
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	500	0	500
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	485	60	545
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	605	0	605
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	655	0	655
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	676	47	723
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	704	60	764
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	700	61	761
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	582	63	645
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	566	0	566
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	520	0	520
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	523	0	523
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	585	0	585
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	567	0	567
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	461	0	461
Claiborne Parish Detention Center	LA	446	0	446
Claiborne Parish Sheriff s Office - Detenti	LA	427	0	427
Claiborne Parish Sheriff s Office - Detenti	LA	347	0	347
Claiborne Parish Sheriff s Office - Detenti	LA	462	0	462
Claiborne Parish Sheriff s Office - Detention	LA	581	0	581

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ctdflg	madmit	fadmit	totadm	admflg	ice	marshals	others	madp
Reported	10	0	10	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	65
Reported	0	0	0	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	500
Reported	1138	324	1462	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	490
Reported	946	0	946	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	521
Reported	960	0	960	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	633
Reported	1811	331	2142	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	642
Reported	1803	337	2140	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	700
Reported	30	7	37	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	700
Reported	1486	325	1811	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	586
Reported	1262	0	1262	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	545
Reported	1565	0	1565	Estimate	unknown	unknown	unknown	590
Reported	1057	0	1057	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown	577
Reported	1354	0	1354	Reported	0	0	0	580
Reported	1721	0	1721	Reported	1	0	0	567
Reported	728	0	728	Reported	0	0	0	540
Reported	1023	0	1023	Reported	unknown	unknown	27	471
Reported	650	0	650	Reported	0	0	0	441
Reported	780	0	780	Reported	0	0	0	416
Reported	1776	0	1776	Reported	0	0	0	362
Reported	1024	30	1054	Reported	0	0	0	536

fadp	tadp	adpflg	mdeaths	fdeaths	tdeaths
0	65	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
0	500	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
60	550	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
unknown	521	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
unknown	633	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
61	703	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
65	765	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
62	762	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
63	649	Reported	unknown	unknown	unknown
0	545	Reported	0	0	0
0	590	Reported	0	0	0
0	577	Reported	0	0	0
0	580	Reported	0	0	0
0	567	Reported	0	0	0
0	540	Reported	0	0	0
0	471	Reported	0	0	0
0	441	Reported	0	0	0
0	416	Reported	2	0	2
0	362	Reported	0	0	0
10	546	Reported	0	0	0