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Form AM-I-4-x

24 September 2023

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections

Standardized Death Report Format

Unit Name: DWCC

DATE OF REPORT: 02/24/2024

TO: James M. Le Blanc
Secretary

FROM: James Burgos
Asst. Warden

RE: William Stewart
Inmate's Name

596684
Inmate's DOC #

H4B (Infirmary)
Housing Unit

Age: 76

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

☒ Expected ☐ Unexpected

Autopsy: Waived

Medical Diagnosis: Heart Failure, Chronic, Interstitial Lung Disease, COPD, Hyperlipidemia, Myelodysplastic Syndrome.

NARRATIVE:

Inmate Stewart was a 76-year-old W/M. On March 6, 2012, he pled guilty to Attempted Sexual Battery in Lincoln Parish and subsequently sentenced to 15 years Hard Labor.

On January 14, 2020, Inmate Stewart transferred to DWCC from Winn Correctional Center.

On January 6, 2024, Inmate Stewart reported to infirmary for evening pill call, approximately 1445 hours. The attending nurse noticed he was exhibiting symptoms of shortness of breath (SOB).

On January 6, 2024, 1500 hours, Inmate Stewart was transported to Ochsner LSU-Shreveport, ED for symptoms of SOB. He was inpatient for 12 days. Again, on January 19, 2024, Inmate Stewart was transported to Ochsner LSU-Shreveport, ED for symptoms of SOB. He was inpatient for 11 days.

January 30, 2024, Inmate Stewart voiced that he would like to go on End of Life Care with no heroic measurements documented by Saleha S. Dar M.D., Ochsner LSU-Shreveport. On January 31, 2024 at DWCC Inmate Stewart signed a LaPOST. (DNR)

On February 16, 2024, per his request, Inmate Stewart was discharged from the infirmary and returned to his dormitory. Medical staff concurred with the request due to his ability to perform ADLs, stable O2 level, and deemed appropriate for his comfort. On February 21, 2024, he was readmitted to the infirmary due to SOB, low O2 level, and intolerance for ADLs. Within 36 hours, Inmate Stewart became unresponsive to verbal and painful stimuli. On February 22, 2024, approximately 2300 hours, Inmate Stewart exhibited labored respirations with periods of apnea. At 0155 hours, Inmate Stewart was pronounced dead by Mr. Gavin Hall, Claiborne Parish Coroner's Office.

On February 23, 2024, the Records Office indicated no registered victim on file. Next of kin notified, son, Chris Stewart, indicated the family will claim the body.

.cpfd5@yahoo.(

To: Keitha Cook

Sat 2/24/2024 11:13 AM

2/23/24
David Wade Correction
William Steward
Sept 30 1947
Inmate - on hospice. Signed DNR on file
TOD 0130
Physician: Dr Crook

Tai Hardaman , nurse at DWCC called to inform of this death. 318-927-0400. Patient has a deep medical history: metastatic cancer (could not provide origin). COPD, Lung disease.
Patient elected to sign DNR months in advanved and has recently been housed in the infirmary for hospice care.

No need for autopsy. Consulted w/ Dr. mark. Released to funeral home - facility was coordinating this. Did not need anything from coroners office.

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06 June 2021

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

INSTITUTION: David Wade Correctional Center

NAME	NUMBER	DORM OR CELLBLOCK	DATE OF INCIDENT	TIME OF INCIDENT
William Stewart	596684	H4B (North Infirmary)	23 February 2024	Approx. 0135 hours

LOCATION OF INCIDENT	WITNESSES
North Infirmary ISO#2	Nurse Hardaman

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 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)
  - ☐ 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.

Category C Incidents:
- ☐ Violation of Rule No. 21, Sex Offenses
  - ☐ 21.A Nonconsensual 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
- ☐ Naloxone Administration (Staff)
- ☐ Naloxone Administration (Offender)

Keanda Hay, C/Major

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF NEEDED)

On the above date and approximate time, I Major Keanda Hay was informed by Nurse Hardaman that inmate William Stewart #596684 whom is housed in the North Infirmary was unresponsive and not breathing. According to medical, inmate Stewart had signed a DNR (Do not resuscitate) therefore there was not effort to revive inmate Stewart. I notified Warden Lonnie Nail (Duty Officer) of the situation. Inmate Stewart was pronounced dead by (Coroner Gavin Hall) at 0155 hours via telephone. Inmate Stewart property was inventoried and placed in a locker box and properly secured. The body was picked up by Anthony Smith, whom arrived at the institution at 0240 and exited at 0306. Inmate Stewart was 76 years old and had no immediate family or contacts.

Major Keanda Hay
REPORTING OFFICER (PRINT)

Major Keanda Hay
REPORTING OFFICER (SIGNATURE)

13 Feb 2024
DATE COMPLETED

0309
TIME COMPLETED

Record of Death

Provided by LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC)
on 11/16/2024

Name: William Stewart

DOC #: 596684

Age / Race / Ethnicity: 76 / White / Not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin

Gender: Male

First Admission Date to DOC: 3/6/2012

Admission Date to Last Facility: 1/14/2020

Sentence: 15 years

Facility / Housing Unit: DWCC

Date of Death: 2/23/2024

Time of Death: 1:55:00 AM

Manner of Death (LCLE): Natural Causes

Manner of Death (DOC): Respiratory

Expected / Unexpected: Expected

Autopsy Required: No

Name of Last Facility: LSP

Incarceration Transparency Project Notes (not included in DPSC Record):

- *Name of Last Facility = facility prior to facility at time of death*
- *State Facility Codes:*
  - *ALC: Allen Correctional Center*
  - *EHCC: Elayn Hunt Correctional Center*
  - *LCIW: Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women*
  - *LSP: Louisiana State Penitentiary*
  - *DCI: Dixon Correctional Institute*
  - *DWCC: David Wade Correctional Center*
  - *RCC: B.B. Rayburn Correctional Center*
  - *RLCC: Raymond Laborde Correctional Center*