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14 May 2018

Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Standardized Death Report Format

Unit Name: East Baton Rouge Transitional Work Program

DATE OF REPORT: 05/25/2021

TO: James M. Le Blanc
Secretary

FROM: Bradley Behrnes
Unit Head or Designee
Regional Director
Title

RE: Whitfield, Courtney
Offender's Name
545434
Offender's DOC #

Age: 31 years old

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

☐ Expected ☒ Unexpected

Autopsy:

Medical Diagnosis:

NARRATIVE:

On May 25, 2021 at approximately 1:15 PM, Asst. Warden E. Matthews of EBR TWP was contacted by Detective Harding of the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Department. Dectective Harding stated that offender Courtney Whitfield # 545434, had been killed while working at his place of employment (Ihop 6875 Seigen Lane Baton Rouge, La). Detective Harding did not go in to detail regarding the incident but requested contact information for Whitfield's next of kin. The requested information was provided to Detective Harding concluding the conversation. At that time I, Bradley Behrnes EBR TWP Regional Director, was then notified.

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Form CJ-9

MORTALITY IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DEATH REPORT ON INMATES UNDER JAIL JURISDICTION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS
AND ACTING AS COLLECTION AGENT:
RTI INTERNATIONAL

FORM COMPLETED BY:

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Instructions for Completion

If no deaths occurred in :

- You do not need to complete this form.

If you had more than one death in :

- Make copies of this form for each additional death.
- Complete the entire form for each inmate death.
- Once your death records are complete, there are several ways to submit a death report:

ONLINE: Complete the report online at: https://bjsmci.rti.org
E-MAIL: bjsmci@rti.org
FAX (TOLL-FREE): (866) 800-9179

MAIL: RTI International, Attn: Data Capture
Project #: 0215015.001.300.117.102.100
5265 Capital Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27690-1652

If you need assistance, contact the data collection team at RTI International toll-free at (800) 344-1387 or bjsmci@rti.org.

What deaths should be reported?

INCLUDE deaths of ALL persons...

- Confined in your jail facilities, whether housed under your own or another jurisdiction
- Under your jurisdiction but housed in special jail facilities (e.g., medical/treatment/release centers, halfway houses, or work farms); or on transfer to treatment facilities
- Under your jurisdiction but out to court
- In transit to or from your facilities while under your jurisdiction

EXCLUDE deaths of ALL persons...

- Confined in facilities operated by two or more jurisdictions or those held in privately operated jails
- Under your jurisdiction but in nonresidential community-based programs run by your jails (e.g., electronic monitoring, house arrest, community service, day reporting, work programs)
- Under your jurisdiction but AWOL, escaped, or on long-term transfer to another jurisdiction
- In the process of arrest by your agency, but not yet booked into your jail facility

BURDEN STATEMENT

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, we cannot ask you to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The burden of this collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per each reported death, including reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering necessary data, and completing and reviewing this form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531. Do not send your completed form to this address.

«AGENCY ID»

LOCAL JAIL INMATE DEATH REPORT

1. What was the inmate's name?

LAST	FIRST	MI
Whitfield	Courtney	

2. On what date did the inmate die?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
05	25	2021

3. What was the name and location of the correctional facility involved?

Facility Name: East Baton Rouge Parish Prison Work Release

Facility City: Baton Rouge

Facility State: La

4. What was the inmate's date of birth?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
09	21	1989

5. What was the inmate's sex?

- (●) Male
- ( ) Female

6. Was the inmate of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

7. In addition, what was the inmate's race? Please select one or more of the following racial categories:

- ( ) White
- (●) Black or African American
- ( ) American Indian or Alaska Native
- ( ) Asian
- ( ) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ( ) Some other race

↳ *Please Specify:*

8. On what date was the inmate admitted to a facility under your jurisdiction?

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
08	21	2020

9. Was the inmate being confined in your jail facility on behalf of any of the following?

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM (a–c)

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
a. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	( )	( )	( )
b. U.S. Marshals Service	( )	( )	( )
c. State or federal prison, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or any other jail jurisdiction	( )	( )	( )

10. For what offense(s) was the inmate being held?

a. Felony Charges

b.

c.

d.

e.

11. What was the inmate's legal status at time of death? *(For inmates with more than one status, report the status associated with the most serious offense.)*

- ( ) Convicted—new court commitment
- ( ) Convicted—returned probation/parole violator
- ( ) Unconvicted
- (●) Other

↳ *Please Specify:* Convicted and at Work Release

12. Since admission, did the inmate ever stay overnight in a mental health observation unit or an outside mental health facility?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- (●) Don't Know

13. Where did the inmate die?

- ○ In a general housing unit within the jail facility or in a general housing unit on jail grounds
- ○ In a segregation unit
- ○ In a special medical unit/infirmary within the jail facility
- ○ In a special mental health services unit within the jail facility
- ○ In a medical center outside the jail facility
- ○ In a mental health center outside the jail facility
- ○ While in transit
- ◉ Elsewhere

→ *Please Specify:* Job site

14. Are the results of a medical examiner's or coroner's evaluation (such as an autopsy, postmortem exam, or review of medical records) available to establish an official cause of death?

- ◉ YES ⟶ ***CONTINUE TO Q15***
- ○ Evaluation complete—results are pending

  → ***SKIP REMAINING QUESTIONS AND SUBMIT THIS FORM—YOU WILL BE CONTACTED AT A LATER TIME FOR THE CAUSE OF DEATH***
- ○ No evaluation is planned → ***CONTINUE TO Q15***

15. What was the cause of death? *** ***Please SPECIFY cause of death—it is critical information*** ***

- ○ Illness—Exclude AIDS-related deaths [*Specify*] → Medical Complications [redacted]
- ○ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- ○ Accidental alcohol/drug intoxication [*Describe*] →
- ○ Accidental injury to self [*Describe*] →
- ○ Accidental injury by other (e.g., vehicular accidents during transport) [*Describe*] →
- ○ Suicide (e.g., hanging, knife/cutting instrument, intentional drug overdose) [*Describe*] →
- ◉ Homicide [*Describe*] → Murdered at his work site/IHOP
- ○ Other cause(s) [*Specify*] →

16. Where did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide, or homicide) causing the death take place?

- ○ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related
- ○ In the jail facility or on the jail grounds

  [PLEASE SPECIFY]
  - ○ In the inmate's cell/room
  - ○ In a temporary holding area/lockup
  - ○ In a common area within the facility (e.g., yard, library, cafeteria)
  - ○ In a segregation unit
  - ○ In a special medical unit/infirmary
  - ○ In a special mental health services unit
  - ◉ Elsewhere within the jail facility

    → *Please Specify:* Not at the jail facility
- ◉ Outside the jail facility (e.g., while on work release or on work detail)
- ○ Elsewhere

  → *Please Specify:*

17. When did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide, or homicide) causing the death occur?

- ◉ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was illness, intoxication, or AIDS-related

- ○ Morning (6 am to Noon)
- ◉ Afternoon (Noon to 6 pm)
- ○ Evening (6 pm to Midnight)
- ○ Overnight (Midnight to 6 am)

18. Excluding emergency care provided at the time of death, did the inmate receive any of the following medical services for the medical condition that caused his/her death after admission to your correctional facilities?

- ○ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
a. Evaluation by physician/medical staff	○	○	◉
b. Diagnostic tests (e.g., X-rays, MRI)	○	○	◉
c. Medications	○	○	◉
d. Treatment/care other than medications	○	○	◉
e. Surgery	○	○	◉
f. Confinement in special medical unit.	○	○	◉

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM (a–f)

19. Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the inmate develop the condition after admission? *(If multiple conditions caused the death and any of the conditions were pre-existing, mark "Pre-existing medical condition.")*

- ◉ NOT APPLICABLE—Cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

- ○ Pre-existing medical condition
- ○ Deceased developed condition after admission
- ○ Could not be determined

Please add any additional notes regarding this death here: