Death in Custody Reporting Act - Entry #755

Agency Name

Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office

Contact Name

S. Andrew Shealy

Contact Phone Number

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Reporting Year

2022

Select the Reporting Period

4th Quarter: October 1 - December 31

First Name

Nicole

Last Name

Comeaux

Gender

2. Female

Race (Select all that apply)

5. White

Ethnicity

2. Not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin

Birth Year (YYYY)

1976

Date of Death

10/13/2022

Time of Death

07:30

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

Iberia Parish Jail

Location of Death - Street Address

3618 Broken Arrow Road

Location of Death - City

New Iberia

Location of Death - State

LA

Zip Code

70560

If the event causing the death occurred in any of the following facilities, please indicate the appropriate facility below. If the event causing 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

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

Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office

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

E. Natural causes

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.).

At approximately 6:38, on October 13, 2022, while deputies were making rounds, Nicole Comeaux was found unresponsive on the floor in her cell. Life saving measures were commenced by jail staff. Fire rescue responders arrived at approximately 6:50. Acadian Ambulance Service arrived at approximately 6:55. Acadian Ambulance Service personnel immediately assumed the care of the inmate performing chest compressions until Ms. Comeaux was determined to be deceased at approximately 7:22. An Autopsy was performed on October 13, 2022. The cause of death was determined to be "Seizure disorder with contribution of hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, and COPD." The manner of death was ruled "Natural."

Staff members involved were: a) Peggy Paul, b) Sara Lemoine, c) Marlayasia Vallien, d) Heather Darden, e) Lakerell Johnson, and f) Marsha Wilson. They can be located at the Iberia Parish Jail, 3618 Broken Arrow Road, New Iberia, Louisiana 70560 and reached by telephone at (337) 369-2431.