LCLE – DEATH IN CUSTODY REPORTING ACT

Death in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA; Pub. L. No. 113-242) requires states to report to the Attorney General information regarding the death of any person who is either; detained, under arrest, in the process of being arrested, en route to be incarcerated, or is incarcerated at a municipal or county jail, state prison, state-run boot camp prison, boot camp prison that is contracted out by the state, any state or local contract facility, or other local or state correctional facility (including any juvenile facility). The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement reports death-in-custody data for the state.

EXAMPLES OF REPORTABLE AND NON-REPORTABLE SCENARIOS

1. What deaths are required to be reported under DCRA?

Per the statute, states are to report "information regarding the death of any person who is detained, under arrest, or is in the process of being arrested, is en route to be incarcerated, or is incarcerated at a municipal or county jail, state prison, state-run boot camp prison, boot camp prison that is contracted out by the state, any state or local contract facility, or other local or state correctional facility (including any juvenile facility)."

2. The following are scenarios where a decedent commits suicide while being detained by law enforcement officers:

a. Response is for a person with a mental disturbance or a distraught person where the result of police custody would have been to transport them for mental health evaluation prior to determining any criminal charges.

Yes. This is reportable.

b. Response is for a person who is a suspect in a crime, or a person wanted for questioning, whether an arrest warrant has been issued or not.

Yes. This reportable.

3. Police officers pursue a burglar, during which the suspect produces a weapon threatening officer. The suspect is then shot and killed by the officers without an officer ever having "put hands on the suspect" to physically attempt an arrest prior to the shooting.

Yes. This is reportable.

4. The following are scenarios where a death occurred during police pursuit of a robber:

a. Crashes and dies as a result of officers engaged in an active vehicle pursuit.

Yes. This is reportable.

b. Crashes and dies although officers terminated the pursuit for safety reasons and no police vehicles were obviously in pursuit.

No. This is not reportable.

5. Are deaths that occur to bystanders during law enforcement pursuit considered reportable?

No. These are not reportable.

6. Police contact (e.g., a brief detention such as a traffic stop, questioning an individual who matches a suspect description) results in an individual being delayed from going about their intended business. The individual then has a medical emergency and dies.

Yes. If the incarcerated person, absent the medical condition, would have been in prison at the time of death, it counts as a reportable death. Although the person was not physically in a correctional facility at the time of death, the death is still one of an "incarcerated individual."

8. Are deaths occurring in halfway houses included?

Deaths occurring in a halfway house are included if the halfway house is under contract with the state or local government. A death occurring in a private halfway house that is not under contract with a reporting entity is not reportable.

9. Should we report the location of the event leading to the death of the decedent or the location where the decedent actually dies (e.g., an offender is in critical condition following a reportable event and transported to a hospital where they are pronounced dead)?

The location of the death is where they died not the location of the event leading to the death.

10. Is a decedent's overdose death, which occurs before an officer arrives on-scene, reportable?

This is not a reportable death.

Reporting Deadlines

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.

Please complete Death in Custody form below:

Agency Name *

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office

Contact Name *

Debra (First) Hammons (Last)

Contact Phone Number *

(504)-827-8519

Contact Email *

hammonsd@opso.us

Reporting Year *

2022

Select the Reporting Period *



○ 3rd Quarter: July 1 - September 30

○ 4th Quarter: October 1 - December 31

Decedent Information

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

First Name *

Phillip

Middle Name

Last Name *

Soublet

Gender *

◉ 1. Male

○ 2. Female

○ 3. Other gender identity

Race (Select all that apply) *

☐ 1. American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ 2. Asian

☑ 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) *

1990

If unknown, please enter "9999"

Date of Death *

06/10/2022

Time of Death *

13:45

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

University Medical Center

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

Location of Death - Street Address *

2000 Canal Street



Location of Death - State *

LA

Zip Code *

70112

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
- ( ) 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. *

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office

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

If manner of death is unavailable, please report the agency conducting the investigation and an approximate end date. *

New Orleans Police Department

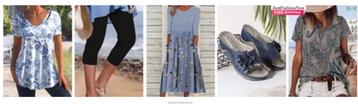
Please provide a brief description of the circumstances leading to the death (e.g., details surrounding an event that may have led to the death, the number and affiliation of any parties involved in an incident, the location and characteristics of an incident, other context related to the death, etc.).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

and lower left abdomen. Deputy K. Johnson performed CPR on inmate Soublet until medical assistance arrived. Inmate Soublet was transported to UMC my medical transport for incoherent speech, clinched hands, bleeding from the rear of his head, left leg involuntary movements of his legs and his skin was said to be cold to the touch. Inmate Soublet was pronounced dead on 6/10/22 at UMC.

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The Orleans Parish coroner has identified an inmate who jail officials said died by suicide over the weekend.

The coroner identified the inmate as Chad Neyland, 46, and said his cause of death was blunt-force trauma.



OPSO said over the weekend that officials believed Neyland's death was a suicide.

The OPSO issued a statement over the weekend that said Neyland was pronounced dead at 1:17 p.m. by physicians at UMC.

The cause of death was a traumatic brain injury and a cervical spinal fracture.

Neyland was booked into the jail two days prior to his death on a theft charge over $25,000, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of oxycodone.

Neyland was the second inmate to die over the course of three days in New Orleans.

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The Orleans Parish coroner identified Philip Soublet Jr., 31, as the second inmate who died following a fight last week inside the jail. His cause of death was blunt force trauma and is being investigated by the NOPD's homicide unit.

Soublet Jr. died after a fight erupted in one of the pods at the Orleans Justice Center Friday.

According to officials with the sheriff's office, the fight happened around 4 p.m.

We are told four inmates were involved in the fight. Three were injured and taken to University Medical Center for treatment.

Two of the inmates were listed in stable condition.

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Solar-powered patio umbrellas sold exclusively at Costco have been recalled in the United States and Canada after some umbrellas caught fire, authorities said.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in a news release urged customers to "immediately stop using" the SunVilla 10-foot Solar LED Market Umbrella.

The umbrellas were produced by California-based SunVilla Corp., the news release says. They feature LED lights on the inside arms and a solar panel with a black cover at the top of the umbrella.

"The lithium-ion batteries in the umbrella's solar panels can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards," the CPSC said.

The umbrellas were sold at Costco warehouses and online for between $130 and $160 from December 2020 through May 2022, the CPSC said.

In the United States there were "three reports of solar panels catching fire while charging via the AC adapter indoors and two reports of umbrellas catching fire when the solar panel puck overheated and caught fire while attached to the umbrella and one smoke inhalation injury," the CPSC said.



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Government of Canada via CNN
Solar-powered patio umbrellas sold by Costco have been recalled after multiple umbrellas caught fire.

SunVilla has received one report of a battery overheating and the umbrella catching fire in Canada, with no injury, according to a news release published on Thursday by Health Canada.

Around 400,000 of the umbrellas were sold in the United States and around 33,000 in Canada, says the CPSC. The umbrellas were recalled jointly by the CPSC, Health Canada, SunVilla and Costco.

Customers should stop using the umbrellas and remove the solar panel puck (the piece that contains the lithium-ion battery), store it out of the sun and away from combustible material, and not charge the puck with its AC adapter, the CPSC says. The umbrellas can be returned to any Costco Warehouse for a full refund.


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CORONER'S REPORT

(pursuant to R.S. 44:19 (E)(3))

I, Dwight McKenna, CORONER FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS, certify the following report of death:

REPORTED NAME OF DECEASED:	Soublet Jr., Philip
ADDRESS:	[redacted]
SEX:	Male
DATE AT BIRTH:	Jul 06, 1990
AGE AT DEATH:	31 years 11 months 5 days
RACE:	African American / Black
DATE AND TIME OF DEATH:	Jun 11, 2022 at 13:39
PLACE OF DEATH:	UMC 2000 Canal Street New Orleans LA, 70112
DATE AND TIME OF AUTOPSY:	Jun 13, 2022 at 08:00
CAUSE(S) OF DEATH:	Multiple Blunt Trauma Injuries
MANNER OF DEATH:	Homicide

DWIGHT MCKENNA
CORONER, ORLEANS PARISH

DATE: **November 20, 2024**

R.S. 44:19 (E)(3)

(3) A coroner's report is a document that includes the name of the decedent, address, sex, date of birth, age, and race of the decedent, date and time of death, place of death, date and time of autopsy, when applicable, and the cause and manner of death, including any scientifically contributing factors. The coroner's report is a public record, and the coroner or his designee shall release this report to the news media, any other person, the Department of Children and Family Services, when appropriate, the spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, niece, nephew, aunt, or uncle of the decedent, or to the person with the right to control and authorize the interment of the decedent as provided in R.S. 8:655(A). However, nothing in this Paragraph shall authorize the release of the information set forth in this Paragraph prior to notification of the next of kin of the deceased unless no next of kin can be determined or, despite reasonable efforts by the coroner's office, no next of kin can be located. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not require the release of information in non-coroner cases, nor shall it prohibit the coroner from releasing information pursuant to R.S. 13:5713 or Children's Code Article 609 to the Department of Children and Family Services.