Record of Death

Provided by LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC)*
on 04/24/2026

Name: Jonsha Howard

DOC #: 567973

Race / Ethnicity: Black or African American / Unknown

Gender: Male

Age / Birth Year: 35 /

Date of Birth: 1/29/1989

First Admission Date to DOC: 7/10/2024

Sentence: 2 years

Facility: Local Madison Parish Correctional Center

Date of Death: 9/23/2024

Time of Death:

Manner of Death (DOC): Other-Undetermined- based off the determination of the autopsy report

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Required: Yes

Circumstances of Death (LCLE): NOT IN LCLE

Coroner Report Information:
Intoxication by synthetic cannabinoids

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

- *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*

- *Cause of Death Project Coding: Drugs*

** Additional source material includes, where relevant, publicly available data, press releasees, coroner's reports, media, and federal reporting.

MADISON
PARISH
CORONER

July 08, 2026

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Jonsha Howard

This Fact of Death Letter is issued in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statute 44:19E (1).

This letter attests to the Fact of Death of Jonsha Howard, whose date of birth is 01/29/1989, who died on 09/23/2024 in Madison Parish.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Neumann M.D.
Coroner Madison Parish

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REPORT OF THE FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST
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Name: Howard, Jonsha
Age: 35 years
Sex: Male
Date of Death: 9/23/2024

Case Number: 443-24MAD
Date and Time of Examination: 9/24/2024, 11:28 a.m.
Parish: Madison

AMENDED AUTOPSY REPORT

CAUSE OF DEATH
Intoxication by synthetic cannabinoids

MANNER OF DEATH
Accident

Jimmie Smith
Jimmie Smith, M.D., J.D. Forensic Pathologist

May 27, 2025
Date

[redacted]

Opinion

Final Diagnosis

CAUSE OF DEATH: Intoxication by synthetic cannabinoids

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident

Summary

The decedent was a 35-year-old male prison inmate with no significant past medical history reported. Per investigation, he was found in his shared dorm. He reportedly smoked an unknown substance and then, minutes later, became unresponsive and had seizure-like activity. No prior history of seizures was reported. No recent trauma was reported. Resuscitative efforts were performed, but were not successful.

The autopsy revealed moderate to abundant pulmonary edema fluid with a small amount of white frothy fluid in the trachea. No significant trauma or natural disease was identified. Toxicology testing of blood detected naloxone. No other drugs or alcohol were detected. **Additional toxicology testing was performed and subsequently detected synthetic cannabinoids**. Vitreous fluid testing was non-contributory.

Based on all information known to me at this time, it is my opinion that the cause of death of Jonsha Howard is intoxication by synthetic cannabinoids. The manner of death is accident.

NOTE: This autopsy report was amended to change the Cause of Death from "Undetermined" to "Intoxication by synthetic cannabinoids" and to change the Manner of Death from "Undetermined" to "Accident". The reason for the change is that additional toxicology testing was performed and detected synthetic cannabinoids. No other changes were made.