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In Custody Death of Brian K. Collins M/B 03/12/86

This report will serve as the summary of the In Custody Death (ICD) investigation of Milwaukee County Jail Inmate Brian Collins, which occurred on 12-18-18 at 14:24 hours at Froedtert Hospital, located at 9200 W. Wisconsin Ave. in the City of Wauwatosa.

Collins had been assigned to Pod 5B, cell 5, at the Milwaukee County Jail. He began to suffer from a medical emergency at about 06:33 hours while in his cell.

He was evaluated by medical staff there and then transported by wheelchair to the jail clinic for further care. At about 08:00 hours after being assessed at the jail clinic, Bell Ambulance was contacted and conveyed Collins to Froedtert.

Hospital staff began to prepare him for surgery and Collins suffered from three [REDACTED] and was subsequently pronounced dead at 14:24 hours.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department (WKSJ) was contacted and was requested to respond as the lead investigative agency per Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department (MCSJ) policy.

WKSJ responded with Captain McElderry (Supervisor in Charge) and the following additional staff:

Detective Lieutenant Marc Moonen, Lead Investigator Detective Alex O'Toole, Co-Lead Investigator Detective Tim Loberg, Detective Jody Kropp, Detective Charlene Craft, Detective Sharalyn Janke, Detective Aaron Hoppe, Detective Christina Rarick, Detective Dan Chmielewski.

Investigators present from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office:
Investigator Dan Suszek and Investigator Anna Linden

Investigator present from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office:
Detective Brian Conte

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Office Representative:
Forensic Investigator Genevieve Penn

Briefing upon arrival:

Upon arrival at the Milwaukee County Jail, all listed investigators were briefed by Deputy Inspector Aaron Dobson. Dobson advised that Collins had been in the custody of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department for two counts of armed robbery. On Monday 12-17-18 at about 11:00 hours there was a call for a medical backup at Collins' cell, as he was complaining of [REDACTED]. Collins was taken to the jail clinic for further care, which he received, and was recommended to return to general population. Collins was returned to his assigned cell. On Tuesday 12-18-18, there was another medical backup for Collins initiated at about 06:33 hours. Collins was medically assessed while in his cell, and then transported via wheelchair to the jail clinic. Medical staff there made the decision that he needed to be transported to the hospital for more advanced care. At about 08:00 hours Bell Ambulance unit 410 responded to the jail and transported Collins to Froedtert Hospital. Collins was determined to be in need of a [REDACTED] and was prepped for surgery. During these preparations, Collins suffered three [REDACTED] and was pronounced dead at 14:24 hours.

Surveillance Video:

Surveillance video was provided by the MCSO for the day of the incident itself, as well as for dates and times prior to that date, in which Collins' movements are observed on cameras throughout the Criminal Justice Facility. On the following file names of cameras, relevant to the incident on 12-18-18, Collins' movements within the facility can be observed:

- 2ndFloorClass, 2ndFloorClass2, 5Bcamera3, 5Bentry, 5thfloorcontrol, 5thfloorcontrolvestibule, ClinicHallway, Clinichallway2, ClinicWait, CRTstacor2, CrtStageCor, G4Shallway, and sally3

Please refer to those video files to view Collins' movements throughout the facility. The files have been provided as attachments to this investigation.

Crime Scenes - Pod 5 and Froedtert Hospital:

Prior to WKSO arrival, the MCSO had secured Pod 5, cell 5. Detective Kropp did process that cell, which stayed secured until Detective Loberg sent an email to Deputy Inspector Dobson on 01-01-19 releasing it for normal use. After the briefing by Deputy Inspector Dobson, Detectives Craft, Janke, Chmielewski and Rarick all responded to Froedtert Hospital to assist with that scene. While at the hospital those Detectives did conduct interviews and observe Collins. Detective Rarick reported that while processing and photographing Collins, she did not observe anything suspicious. Detectives Hoppe, Loberg and O'Toole remained at the Criminal Justice Facility for the investigation at that location.

Pod 5 cell 5 overview:

Detective Kropp was assigned to process and photograph Collins' cell. He reported that upon arrival to the cell, he observed that it had been secured and had to be opened with a key. Twenty nine photos of the cell were taken, and have been included with this report for review. There was nothing of evidentiary value located within the cell, and Detective Kropp did complete a report regarding the processing of Collins' cell which has been included.

Interviews Performed:

Detective Donald Desotell, Correctional Officer Tabatha Blomberg, Correctional

Officer Jeffrey Andrykowski, Correctional Officer Derrick Spidell, Correctional Officer Sherita Johnson, Correctional Officer Michael Saporito, Correctional Officer Wayne Grutza, Correctional Officer Merlin Amaya, Correctional Lieutenant Steve Artus, Correctional Officer Brian Dragoo, Correctional Officer Russell Palmer, Froedtert PACU Manager Amy Miskelley, Froedtert Doctor Gary Seabrook, Jail Nursing Supervisor Candace Dzieozic, Jail Doctor Jonathan Brody, Jail Nurse Practitioner Jacqueline Alomepe, Froedtert Registered Nurse Ashley Berg, Jail Nursing Supervisor Lynda Karaszewski, Jail Nurse Liana Gramzam, Jail Nurse Practitioner Mahita Gone, MCSO Inmate Demetrius Blakes and MCSO Inmate Kenyadi Evans. All of the interviews performed have been attached to this report for reference, and those of evidentiary value are listed herein.

Summary of interview with Correctional Officer Andrykowski:

On 12-23-18, WKSO Detective O'Toole performed an interview with MCSO Correctional Officer Andrykowski. In regards to his contacts with Collins, Andrykowski advised on 12-18-18 he worked overtime until 10:00 hours. He recalled that at the start of his overtime shift, he turned on his radio and heard a request for someone to deliver a wheelchair. He was standing next to one, and asked where it was needed. He said the request was for a wheelchair to be delivered to either 5B or 6B; he could not recall exactly which Pod.

Andrykowski said that upon arrival to Pod 5, cell 5, a nurse and Lieutenant Artus were already on scene along with the Pod Officer. Andrykowski could not recall who the Pod Officer was. Andrykowski entered the cell where Collins was.

Collins stood up under his own power and sat in the wheelchair. He wheeled Collins to the jail clinic, and doesn't remember Collins saying anything to him.

Upon arrival to clinic room #1, Collins was turned over to an awaiting nurse, and CO Andrykowski resumed his normal duties. About one hour later, Andrykowski stated that he escorted Bell Ambulance to the clinic and Bell Ambulance staff placed Collins onto a gurney. Andrykowski then escorted Bell Ambulance and Collins to the sally port, and he again resumed his normal duties from there. No other information of evidentiary value was obtained from Andrykowski.

Summary of interview with Correctional Officer S. Johnson:

On 01-03-19 WKSO Detective O'Toole performed a recorded interview with Correctional Officer S. Johnson while in the MCSO administration conference room. A copy of the interview is available for review. During this interview, CO Johnson stated that on both Monday 12-17-18 and Tuesday 12-18-18, she was assigned to the jail clinic. In regards to her knowledge of Collins, on 12-18-18 CO Johnson heard the medical emergency for Collins. She could not recall what the details of the medical emergency were. She said that shortly thereafter Collins was brought into the clinic in a wheelchair. CO Johnson saw that Collins was in and out of sleeping, and that she asked him if he was okay. He simply replied, "Yeah". She said Collins complained of [REDACTED] and that he was seated in the wheelchair near her desk for some time. She sat with him until Bell Ambulance later arrived, and stated that Collins did not say much to her during that time. No other information of evidentiary value was obtained from CO S. Johnson.

Summary of interview with Lieutenant Artus:

On 01-03-19 WKSO Detective O'Toole performed a recorded interview with Lieutenant Artus while in the MCSO administration conference room. A copy of the interview is available for review. During this interview, Lieutenant Artus recalled that a medical emergency was initiated for Collins at about 06:32 hours due to [REDACTED]. Collins was in his cell at the time, and when Lieutenant

Artus arrived nurses began a patient assessment of him. He said that Collins was complaining that he did not want to go to the clinic just to receive another [REDACTED] like yesterday. Lieutenant Artus was able to convince Collins to go to the clinic again, and he was transported there via wheelchair. Lieutenant Artus did not have any other information of evidentiary value to provide.

Summary of interview with Correctional Officer Palmer:

On 01-03-19 WKS0 Detective O'Toole performed a recorded interview with Correctional Officer Palmer while in the MCSO administration conference room. A copy of the interview is available for review. During this interview, CO Palmer stated that on 12-18-18 immediately after roll call he went directly to fifth floor control. Upon arrival to floor control, CO Palmer recalled receiving a briefing from third shift staff asking that he check on the inmates in either cell four or cell five. He could not recall which cell it was. Those officers told CO Palmer that the an inmate in the cell had been hitting the emergency button, but that they could not hear anything said into the intercom due to static. Third shift stated that they checked on the inmate and he stated he needed to see the nurse, but CO Palmer was unsure if a nurse had been called. After he was briefed, he went into the Pod and Collins' cellmate, Blakes, was at the door stating that Collins could not [REDACTED] CO Palmer said that Blakes told him that they were pushing the button all night, but no one responded. It should be noted that review of the pod surveillance video revealed that Correctional Officers did patrol the pod routinely throughout the night. CO Palmer told Blakes that he would do his initial inspection of the Pod and then return to call a medical emergency for Collins. CO Palmer did do that, and then immediately went to Pod control to open the door for responding staff. CO Palmer recalled his Lieutenant responded to the call along with CO Grutza who brought an orange medical supplies bag and AED. He also recalled that after some time Collins was transported to the clinic, and Blakes told CO Palmer that Collins had been sick for a few days. CO Palmer also offered that sometime between 06:00 hours and 06:15 hours third shift did the last check of the Pod. He recalled that a third shift officer had written on the Pod sheet "keep eye on inmate he faints". CO Palmer did not have any other information of evidentiary value to provide.

Summary of interview with jail Nurse Practitioner Jacqueline Alomepe:

On 12-18-18 while at the Criminal Justice Facility for this investigation, WKS0 Detective O'Toole performed an interview with jail Nurse Practitioner Alomepe. During this interview, Alomepe remembered that at around 06:45 hours there was a call for a medical backup for an inmate suffering from [REDACTED]. The patient was eventually identified as Collins, who was brought to the clinic in a wheelchair. Alomepe said that she ordered Collins be sent out to a hospital for continued care. Alomepe believed that at roughly 07:45 hours Bell Ambulance was requested for the conveyance to the hospital, and that between about 12:30 hours and 13:00 hours she was advised that the hospital called to report that Collins had an [REDACTED]. Alomepe did not have any other information of evidentiary value to provide, please refer to her recorded interview for more information.

Summary of interview with Froedtert RN Ashley Berg:

On 12-18-18 while at Froedtert, WKS0 Detective Chmielewski performed an interview with Froedtert Hospital Registered Nurse Ashley Berg. This interview was done within the PACU, and was recorded. A copy of the interview is

available for review. On the date in question, Berg recalled that she was working on a different unit when she received "nurse assist" alarm for the PACU.

She responded to that call, which was said to be in PACU room 31, where she observed Collins seizing. Berg said that she provided Collins with the proper amount of [REDACTED] medication to help with [REDACTED]. She recalled that another nurse provided Collins with the proper amount of [REDACTED] and that Collins initially woke up and was conscious and breathing, however he was not responding appropriately. Berg also said that Collins had two more [REDACTED] after the third. She observed that Collins' pupils were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Doctor Suneeta Gollapudy called a time of death and there was nothing more medical staff could do. Berg referred Detective Chmielewski to the medical records and reports completed by the facility for patient Collins for more information. Those documents were obtained and have been included with this report. Please refer to that documentation and the audio recording of this interview for more information.

Summary of interview with Jail Nursing Supervisor Lynda Karaszewski:

On 12-18-18 while at the Criminal Justice Facility, WKSJ Detective Loberg performed a recorded interview with Nursing Supervisor Karaszewski. A copy of the interview is available for review. During this interview, Karaszewski stated that she worked third shift on the morning of 12-18-18. During that shift, she was made aware of a medical emergency within the jail, by hearing a radio transmission for a medical backup. She stated that the medical call for service detailed an inmate, later identified to her as Collins, suffering from [REDACTED]. She remembered that the call for service was near shift change, therefore would have been shortly before or at 06:30 hours. She responded to the location of the call along with her first shift relief, noticing when she arrived that an orange bag containing first aid supplies and an AED were on scene. Karaszewski said that Liana Gramza was with her at the cell, and Collins said he was unable to get out of bed. His cellmate was asked to leave the cell, and staff went into the cell to help Collins. Karaszewski said that once in contact with Collins, [REDACTED] and Collins told Gramza that his [REDACTED]. While Gramza tried to diagnose that pain, she observed that Gramza could "hardly touch" Collins. Karaszewski said that while Gramza assisted Collins, it was her job to document the care that he was receiving, therefore she only knew of Collins' complaints and symptoms from what Gramza told her to notate. It was Karaszewski's understanding that Gramza told Collins that he needed to come to the clinic for help due to the pain that he was having. Karaszewski said that she heard Collins tell Gramza that he did not want to go to the clinic, and that he "wanted to just lay there and die". It was her observation that during the patient assessment Collins was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She said that she witnessed Gramza tell Collins that in order to provide more advanced care he would need to go to the clinic to see a Nurse Practitioner. Collins did eventually agree to go to the clinic, and was conveyed there via a wheelchair. She said that once Collins was in the clinic, her medical obligations to him ended, as Collins was then in the care and

responsibility of the Nurse Practitioner. Therefore, Karaszewski did not have any other information of evidentiary value to provide after Collins arrived at the clinic. Please refer to the audio-recorded interview for more information.

Summary of interview with jail Nurse Liana Gramza:

On 12-18-18 while at the Criminal Justice Facility, WKSJ Detective O'Toole performed a recorded interview with jail Nurse Liana Gramza. A copy of the interview is available for review. During this interview, Gramza said that on 12-18-18 she arrived for work right around 06:15 hours. She remembered that a medical emergency was called at about 06:30 hours, which was at shift change. Gramza said that she and the third shift Nursing Supervisor (Karaszewski) responded to the medical emergency, for who was later identified as Collins. She recalled being told that Collins was in pain, and that she gathered Collins' vitals. Gramza also remembered that while he was in his cell, it was painful for Collins to turn over and that the area of [REDACTED] was tender, rating the pain in the area as ten out of ten. She said that she called Nurse Practitioner Alomepe and advised her of the [REDACTED] and that Collins was eventually taken to the clinic via wheelchair. Once there, he was taken into Alomepe's patient room where he was assessed. Alomepe asked Gramza how long it would take to have an [REDACTED] done for Collins, and Gramza told her that the clinic was not capable of doing an [REDACTED] therefore Collins would need to go to a hospital to have that done. Alomepe spoke with Dzieozic, asking for the [REDACTED] for Collins. Dzieozic agreed that Collins should be sent to the hospital. Gramza administered [REDACTED] at 06:49 hours and advised that at 07:35 hours Bell Ambulance arrived to assist. She did not have any other information of evidentiary value to provide. Please refer to the recording for more information. During a separate interview, Gramza advised that the date shown on the [REDACTED] machine is actually two days off, indicating that a submitted copy of inmate Collins' [REDACTED] reading taken in the lab shows that it was taken on 12-15-18, when in fact that [REDACTED] was performed on 12-17-18. Her statement to this correction in the machine is attached.

EMS INVOLVEMENT AND TRANSPORT:

Documentation has been received from Bell Ambulance as to their involvement in this matter, which has been attached to this report for reference. Those reports reflect that on 12-18-18 at 07:23 hours Bell Ambulance was dispatched to the Criminal Justice Facility for a report of a male with [REDACTED] and that the ambulance should respond to the sally port entrance. The call was dispatched to the ambulance at 07:24 hours, with an en route time of 07:26 hours, and an on scene time of 07:31 hours. The remaining listed times show that Bell Ambulance transported to Froedtert at 07:52 hours, and arrived at Froedtert at 08:12 hours. Vehicle 410 is shown as the responding unit, staffed by EMT-Paramedic Jamie Stauber and Primary Patient Caregiver Rebekah Underwood. There is a narrative listed by the responding units in regards to their observations and chief complaints of Collins. Please refer to the Bell Ambulance reports for more information.

Collins' Jail calls:

The MCSO supplied digital files containing records and audio content of the jail phone calls made by Collins. Two compact discs containing the calls have been property inventoried and are included with this report for review. While reviewing the content of those calls, Collins does disclose his chief complaints to a party who utilized phone number 773-988-8000. Law enforcement resources were utilized to identify the subscriber of that phone number, and her identity

is not known. However, the chief complaints that Collins speaks of are consistent with those that been documented throughout this investigation.

Autopsy and cause of death:

On Wednesday 12-19-18, WKSO Detective Loberg responded to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office to attend the autopsy of Collins. The autopsy began shortly after 08:00 hours, and was performed by Assistant Medical Examiner Doctor Lelinsky. Multiple photos of Collins were taken prior to the interior portion of the autopsy, and are available to be viewed along with this report. After the autopsy, Doctor Lelinsky advised that no significant injuries or suspicious circumstances appeared to have been a causation of Collins' death. Her final cause of death letter cites a cause of [REDACTED] natural, and the report itself has been included with this report for review.

Death notification:

On the evening of Tuesday 12-18-18, WKSO Detectives O'Toole and Loberg made a death notification to a Toccara Gordon, who resides at 8014 W. Grantosa Dr. in the City of Milwaukee. During that contact, Gordon confirmed that she is Collins' emergency contact. When asked if Collins has any other family to notify, Gordon stated that she would be the most appropriate person to make notification too. She said that she and Collins were in a relationship and have children in common, and that Collins did not have regular contact with his family.

Facts and summary of the investigation:

On Tuesday 12-18-18, the Criminal Justice Facility staff were made aware of a medical emergency involving inmate Collins. A medical backup was called, and several COs and jail medical staff responded to Collins' cell. His condition was evaluated, and medical staff determined that he needed to be transported to the jail clinic for further care. He was placed into a wheelchair and taken to that clinic, where he was seen by a nurse. The jail nurse wished to immediately have an [REDACTED] to better diagnose Collins' condition, however the jail clinic was unable to accommodate that testing. Therefore, the nurse ordered that Collins be conveyed to Froedtert for the [REDACTED] Bell Ambulance was contacted and conveyed Collins to Froedtert, where he was turned over to hospital staff. While at Froedtert, staff determined that Collins' [REDACTED] and needed to be removed. He was transferred to the PACU and prepped for surgery, however unexpectedly suffered from three [REDACTED] and eventually entered [REDACTED] Froedtert staff performed [REDACTED] on Collins until they were able to restore his [REDACTED] however the [REDACTED] would eventually stop. [REDACTED] was reinitiated, and each time Collins' [REDACTED] shortly thereafter. After multiple attempts to revive him, he was pronounced deceased. An autopsy revealed that Collins' death was natural, specifying that he died from a [REDACTED] A review of all of the evidence and information obtained revealed that there was no evidence of foul play involving the death of Collins. I am asking that this case be reviewed by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to determine if any circumstances of this incident would meet any prosecutorial elements of any crime(s) under Wisconsin State Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Waukesha County Sheriff's Office
