

To: Undersheriff Edwards

From: Corporal McKelvey

Date: March 2, 2012

Re: Executive Summary D-11-026

On October 21, 2011, Earl Williams and his wife took their son Elliot Williams to the Marriott Hotel in Owasso. Apparently, Elliot was having a mental health episode and Earl was unable to care for Elliot that evening. Once there, Elliot became upset and caused a disturbance. The hotel manager called the Owasso Police Department and members of the Owasso police were dispatched. Owasso Police encountered Elliot and believed that he was suffering from a mental disorder and requested their dispatch to contact COPES. Owasso officers said Elliot made several statements and made movements that concerned them. Officers ordered Elliot to sit down. Elliot refused. Owasso officers then OC sprayed Elliot and forcefully took him to the ground. Elliot was arrested on an open charge of Obstructing an Officer, Oklahoma Statutes, Title 21, Section 540.

During the booking process at the Owasso City Jail, Elliot was handcuffed and placed on a bench, but not secured to the bench. Owasso failed to maintain control of Elliot and he rolled off the bench landing on the floor. Elliot refused to stand and Owasso Officers picked Elliot up by the arms and drug him to a cell. Officers stripped Elliot of his clothing and redressed him in an orange jail uniform. While in the Owasso City Jail, Elliot hid under his bunk and began barking, as if he were a dog. Later that night, on October 22, 2011, he was transported to DLMCJC. When they arrived at DLMCJC, Elliot was uncuffed, placed into a holding cell, and told to change from Owasso Jail oranges back into his original clothing. A struggle ensued and Owasso officers' used force against Elliot taking him to the ground by his head and neck.

Once Elliot was turned over to DLM detention staff, the booking process was initiated. Elliot was seated in the processing waiting area. Due to Elliot's defiance, he was forcefully taken to booking holding cell #10. Elliot became more aggressive and rammed his head into the cell door. Corporal Jackson, Deputy Holloway and Nurse Hughes, CHC Medical Staff, checked on Elliot. Elliot was found lying face-up in the cell, where he made verbal complaints to Nurse Hughes that he **"Broke his neck."**

For the next ten and a half (10½) hours, Elliot was left untreated in holding cell #10. Detention Supervisors; Captain Wood, Watch Commander, Corporal Jackson, Booking



Supervisor, Sergeant Housley, Booking Supervisor, Sergeant Reusser, Housing Supervisor, LPN Hughes, CHC Medical Staff, LPN Taylor, CHC Medical Staff, and RN Chappell, CHC Medical Staff, all had knowledge of Elliot's complaints of neck injury.

After lying in the cell for so long and refusing to get up, a decision was made between Sergeant Housley, D.O. White and Nurse Taylor, that a medical emergency should be called to remove Elliot from the holding cell. Captain Fike, accompanied by Sergeant D. Hinshaw and members of CHC medical staff responded to holding cell #10. At this time, Fike and Hinshaw were made aware of Elliot's complaints of neck injury. Elliot was placed on a gurney and taken to the medical unit within DLMCJC. Elliot was not placed on a back board; placed in a "C" collar, nor was an ambulance called to assist. During his time in holding cell #10, it was discovered that Elliot had defecated on himself.

Nurse Chappell told Elliot that she knew he was faking and to "get up." Elliot was taken to the shower within the Medical Unit. Captain Fike, Sergeant Hinshaw, Detention Officer Leverich and Nurse Chappell removed Elliot's clothing. Elliot was then laid in the shower, feet first, on his back; the shower was then turned on. At about 1630 hours, (1½ to 2 hours after Elliot was initially placed in the shower) Captain Fike, Sergeant Hinshaw, Detention Officer's Leverich and West returned to medical and removed Elliot from the shower. Elliot was placed on a gurney and taken to medical cell #26. During this time, Elliot repeatedly told detention staff and medical staff that he was unable to move.

Elliot was taken to Medical on Saturday, October 22, 2011. He was then seen by Dr. Harnish on Tuesday morning, October 25, 2011. Prior to being seen by Dr. Harnish, Elliot was moved from cell #26 and placed in suicide cell #1, because it is monitored by CCTV. Medical notes revealed the medical staff believed that Elliot was suffering from "Psychosomatic Paralysis" and medical staff wanted to observe Elliot in the cell to see if he was attempting to deceive the staff.

Tuesday afternoon/evening, Dr. Harnish left the state on a family emergency. Elliot was not seen by a doctor until the morning of October 27, 2011. On that date, Elliot was seen by Dr. Limbu. Dr. Limbu had a discussion with, Dr. Washburn, CHC Medical Director, concerning Elliot. Dr. Limbu told Dr. Washburn that Elliot needed to go to the hospital and have tests ran to rule out any medical problems. Dr. Washburn failed to follow-up on Dr. Limbu's recommendations, and Elliot was discovered deceased approximately 3 hours later.

Elliot's remains were turned over to the Oklahoma State Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy and cause of death. The Medical Examiner's Office was unable to determine a cause of death and released the remains for burial. Elliot's family took possession of and had a private autopsy performed by Dr. Colly Trent. Dr. Trent notified the Oklahoma State Medical Examiner's Office of evidence that suggests Elliot sustained a broken neck. As of the date of this report, such evidence has not been turned over to the Medical Examiner's Office nor has there been an official ruling on the cause of death.