

Autopsy: Inmate had heart disease

Man died after seizure in cell

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A jail inmate who died Thursday suffered from a medical problem jail officers never had the chance to ask him about.

Preliminary results from an autopsy showed Donny G. Browning had heart disease.

Johnson County Coroner Dave Lutz plans to wait for laboratory tests before issuing a final cause of death, but he believes Browning died of natural causes.

Investigators already reviewed surveillance tapes and interviewed jail workers and inmates and found no foul play involved in his death.

Browning, 48, died at Johnson Memorial Hospital Thursday afternoon after having a seizure in a holding cell at the Johnson County jail in Franklin.

The Indianapolis man told officers who arrested him that he had no medical problems.

Jail workers would have questioned him further on his medical history, but he was still drunk from the day before, said Maj. Dave Emery, jail commander.

Jail officers typically wait to question inmates who are arrested on alcohol charges until they are sober to ensure they are giving complete answers about their medical history and medications, Emery said.

Then they could arrange for any extra care he needed while in the jail.

In Browning's case, workers would wait 15 hours to question him since he arrived at the jail with a blood-alcohol level of .20, Emery said.

Browning was arrested about 3 p.m. Wednesday outside a Greenwood restaurant on a charge of public intoxication.

Employees at the Steak 'n Shake at 101 N. State Road 135 in Greenwood reported the man was asleep in his car outside the restaurant.

The officers who arrested Browning asked him if he had any medical problems. Browning told them he did not.

Jail inmates do not receive a physical examination when they are brought to the jail, said Doug Cox, chief deputy for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

If an inmate describes severe conditions in their medical history, such as a recent heart attack, the inmate will be seen by the nurse on call, Emery said.

Doctors will also often make contact with the inmate's physician to check on medications the inmate says he or she needs.

Browning, 424 S. Oxford St., Indianapolis, died at the hospital at 12:48 p.m. Thursday.

He had been in a holding cell with five other inmates at the jail when some of the inmates saw he was having a seizure. They called for help.

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ON THE RECORD

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Franklin

Burglary

• 600 block of Johnson Avenue: A woman reported Thursday that someone broke into her home and stole a big-screen television within the past five days.

Thefts

• Super 8 Motel, 150 Lovers Lane: A man reported that someone broke into his semi and stole a CB radio, about 20 CDs and three types of medication between 12:15 and 10 a.m. Thursday.

• 2000 block of East Benjamin Street: A woman reported Thursday evening that an acquaintance stole a debit card from her purse Wednesday night and used it to withdraw \$80 from her account.

• 200 block of North Main Street: A man reported that someone stole his son's bicycle from his front porch between 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and 5:30 a.m. Thursday.

• 200 block of Young Street: A man reported that someone stole a vacuum cleaner that was for sale from a street corner between 5 and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Greenwood

Thefts

• Kohl's, 550 Fry Road: A woman reported that someone broke a window out of her vehicle and stole her cell phone, purse, wallet and debit card between 2:30 and 5 p.m. Thursday.

• Kohl's, 550 Fry Road: A woman reported that someone broke a window out of her vehicle and stole a backpack containing a textbook, a cell phone and \$200 between 2:15 and 5 p.m. Thursday.

Shoplifting

• Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 3:49 p.m. Thursday that a woman selected a pair of tennis shoes from the store and attempted to return them. After the return was denied, she concealed the shoes in a bag and attempted to leave the store. The woman was issued a summons to appear in court.

• J.C. Penney Home Store, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 8:12 p.m. Thursday that a woman attempted to steal \$56 worth of merchandise. The woman was issued a summons to appear in court.

Criminal mischief

• Kohl's, 550 Fry Road: A woman reported that someone broke a window

out of her vehicle between 2:15 and 5 p.m. Thursday. Nothing was stolen from the vehicle.

Property-damage accidents

• 3:57 p.m. Thursday — Fairview Road and State Road 135

• 11:55 p.m. Thursday — Emerson Avenue and Paradise Court

• 1:15 p.m. Wednesday — County Line Road and Madison Avenue

Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Juan Torres Rodriguez, 38, 7412 E. 46th St., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Jesse Salas Hernandez, 38, 1924 Sutherland Springs Road, Floresville, Texas; arrested on an out-of-state warrant; held without bond.

Amber Michelle Adams, 24, 693 Quarterhorse Run, Bargersville; arrested on a charge of battery; released on \$1,000 bond.

Ryan Craig Pitts, 28, 590 Ohio St., Franklin; arrested on a Morgan County warrant and charges of false reporting or informing and driving while suspended with a prior conviction; held without bond.

Jeremy Ryan Fisher, 19, 1709 Blue Lake Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Ernest W. Eickelberg, 47, 2346 Hanover Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; released on \$2,000 bond.

Raymond A. Drews, 22, 7131 Vega Way, Apt. 251, Indianapolis; arrested on charges of maintaining a common nuisance and reckless possession of paraphernalia; released on \$4,000 bond.

Philip W. Adams, 24, 349 Meadowview Lane, Greenwood; arrested on charges of residential entry, public intoxication and two charges of battery; held on \$6,000 bond.

Amber N. Warren, 21, 2021 E. Benjamin St., Apt. 1, Franklin; arrested on two Morgan County warrants; held without bond.

Tamara S. Spurgeon, 21, 7609 Reynolds Road, Camby; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.

Roy Dale Weber, 42, 402 Piatts Trailer Park, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Floyd E. Skirvin, 43, 9100 U.S. 35

South, Muncie; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$5,000 bond.

Jason Eric Shaffer, 27, 1199 Hospital Road, Lot 11, Franklin; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$2,500 bond.

Dustin S. Bauerle, 20, 10030 E. Shelbyville Road, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$300 bond.

Janice Joann Dunn, 33, 428 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$300 bond.

The following people recently were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

Christine Ann Craig, 27, 1043 W. Jefferson St., Apt. 17, Franklin; released on \$1,000 bond.

Casey G. Perry, 19, 7529 S. Oak Drive, Indianapolis; held on \$2,000 bond.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Chelsea Tye and Chad Cummings, Whiteland, boy born March 2.

Kate Taylor, Trafalgar, girl born March 2.

Major Hospital, Shelbyville

Sarah and Matt Bullington, Shelbyville, girl born March 2.

Dissolutions of marriage

Deborah Lasiter v. William Lasiter

Brian Turner v. Pamela Turner

David Cosby v. Regina Cosby

Jennifer Roberts v. Kevin Roberts

Daleen Boe v. Leonard Parrish

Christie Tharp v. Johnathon Tharp

Michele Lackey v. Bryant Lackey

Magalis Smith v. Joseph Smith

Douglas Rowe v. Jennifer Gabbard-Rowe

Jennifer Owens v. Anthony Owens

Rickey Stephens v. Linda Stephens

Patricia Hord v. Jeffery Hord

Joy Rieman v. Brian Rieman

Michael Means v. Jacqueline Means

Wade Sturdivant v. Keri Crabtree

Susan Kriese v. Kurt Kriese

Stan Fort v. Lisa Fort

Sara Popp v. Jerry Patrick

Teresa Husselman v. Frank Blankenship

Allison Lepper v. Christopher Lepper

April Welch v. Rupert Welch

Mary Hussion v. William Hussion

Edward Hernandez v. Lisa Hernandez

Richard Myers v. Tracy Gritton

Humberto Toscano v. Mariana Toscano

Lisa Burns v. William Burns

Marie Emmons v. Lloyd Emmons II

Eva Henson v. Solomon Henson

Patrick Simon v. Laura Simon

Christine Clymer v. Jeffrey Clymer

Susan Moore v. Tyrone Moore

Joe Yeiter v. Sharon Yeiter

Ted Gray v. Nancy Gray

Cheryl Kalugyer v. Donald Kalugyer

Julia Bay v. Kenneth Bay

Kellie Russell v. Joseph Russell

Timothy Cartwright v. Lynda Cartwright

Curtis Ragan Jr. v. Cynthia Ragan

Judy Felumero v. Anthony Felumero

Vanasse Velazquez v. Ismael Velazquez

Dove Roberts v. Dean Roberts

Nicole Gregory v. Billy Gregory

Dwight Rapp v. Kerrie Rapp

Kimberly Witt v. David Witt

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