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DWAYNE BANKS —

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pushing. Official reports show Banks was driven

Banks was driven unconscious to the North Las Vegas Jail, and placed in a cell and checked periodically.

However, witnesses to the arrest and some jail trustees suggest Banks died from anything but routine causes.

The witnesses said Banks yelled "Help me, help me," as he ran towards the officers. Other witnesses said Banks was unconscious when driven by the officers to the police station.

However, police procedures require that an injured or unconscious suspect be taken to a hospital for immediate care.

Another witness said Banks was placed unconscious on his stomach in the cell, and never moved. A jail trustee said he saw one of the arresting officers



aid carrying the unconscious Banks into the cell slung over his shoulder, and drop the suspect to the floor.

The trustee said two other officers lifted up the limp victim, and one smashed his head against a wall.

When the body was examined later, it was discovered that Banks had broken front teeth, a massive bruise across his right cheek and smaller bruises on his forehead.

Clark County Medical Examiner Sheldon Green, who conducted the autopsy on the body, refers in his report to the broken front teeth as ''old fractures,'' but said there was a small amount of dried blood inside the lip just behind the broken teeth

Green refused to respond to questions about the autopsy by the press.

Jail officials later that night released 12 trustees who saw Banks brought into the cell or in the cell after his arrest were released after giving statements to police. One of the trustees later went to the FBI to report what he had seen, because he said, he did not know who else to talk to.

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