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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-1023-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/16/2025 4:24 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bosque County Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 741

Agency City: Meridian

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76665

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Trace

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Hendricks

Reporter Name: Darren Artzt

Reporter Email: dartzt@bosquesheriff.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: William

Middle Name: Drexal

Last Name: Wood

Suffix: N/A

Date of Birth: 3/7/1962

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 63

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/24/2025 1:58 PM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Death Date and Time: 11/28/2025 5:29 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Chronic Ethanol Abuse

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Not applicable

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?: Not Applicable

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

Pre existing medical condition?: Pre-existing medical condition

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 266 FM 2840

City: Meridian

County: Bosque

Zip: 76665

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Law Enforcement
Facility

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - single cell

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Entry Date Time: 11/24/2025 1:58
PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

County Jail - Single Cell

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Offense 1:

Driving While Intoxicated - Class "B" Misd.

Offense 2:

N/A

Offense 3:

N/A

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint: No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

My name is Darren Artzt. I am a certified Master Texas Peace Officer and Certified Texas Jailer. I am employed with the Bosque County Sheriff's Office as Jail Administrator.

The following is a brief time line of events surrounding the incarceration and subsequent in custody death of Mr. William Wood four days later in Bosque County Jail :

11/24/2025 @ Approximately 1:58 PM - (Booking Camera Time) William Wood is booked into Bosque County Jail charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

11/26/2025 @ Approximately 12:03 PM Jail Nurse completes Medical Assessment - No Medical Condition indicated by Inmate or observed by Nurse.

11/27/2025 @ Approximately 8:27 AM (Booking Camera Time) - Moved inmate into Flex Cell # 144 from Holding Cell.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 10:10 AM (Cell Camera Time) - Jailer enters cell to check welfare of Inmate who is on the floor, under his table as if he were a mechanic working under a car. She makes verbal contact and assists him with a cup of water and logs his condition as "OK"

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 10:15 AM (Cell Camera Time) - 2 Jailer's enter cell. Inmate is on the floor. They assist him out from under the table so his head was on his mattress.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 11:37 AM (Cell Camera Time) - Jailer enters cell, speaks to Inmate and delivers his lunch tray by placing it on his rack near the edge. Inmate is on the floor partially on his mattress. His condition is logged as "OK"

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 4:00 PM (Cell Camera Time) - Inmate is on the floor and the front of his pants appear wet down the front to his knees.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 4:09 PM (Cell Camera Time) - Inmate is on the floor laying on his back. 2 Jailers enter his cell with a pair of pants and assist him into the fresh pair. His condition is logged "OK".

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 4:23 PM (Cell Camera Time) - Inmate is on the floor laying on his back. 2 Jailers enter his cell and attempt to make verbal and physical contact and are unsuccessful. Both Jailers

reposition Mr. Wood so that he is completely on his mattress and use their handheld radio to contact dispatch for assistance.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 4:26 PM (Cell Camera Time) - One of the two Dispatchers on duty (Also a certified Jailer) enters the cell to assist as CPR is started on MR Wood.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 4:33 PM (Cell Camera Time) - EMS crew arrives with equipment and enters the cell where they continue emergency medical treatment.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 4:51 PM (Cell Camera Time) - Jail Nurse arrives.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 4:59 PM (Cell Camera Time) - Sheriff Hendricks arrives.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 17:29 (Actual Time) - EMS via Contact with County Hospital ER Doctor called Mr. William Wood Deceased.

11/28/2025 @ Approximately 18:27 (Cell Camera Time) - BCSO Chief Deputy arrives. Bosque County JP2 arrives. BCSO Jail Administrator arrives. Texas Ranger arrives and assumes control over the investigation. End of report. Captain Darren Artzt Bosque County Jail Administrator