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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-1024-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/17/2025 10:01 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Erath County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1043 Glen Rose Hwy.
Agency City:	Stephenville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76401		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Matt
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Coates		
Reporter Name:	Tye Box	Reporter Email:	tbox@co.erath.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Daniel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Tamez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/21/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/23/2025 5:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/12/2025 9:46 AM

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:

Congestive Heart Failure coronary event.

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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:	1043 Glen Rose Rd	City:	Stephenville
County:	Erath	Zip:	76401

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	10/23/2025 5:40 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Medical facility

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:

Failure to Register as Sex Offender

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Felony Warrant for Failure to Register as Sex Offender

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?: Yes

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:

On December 4th, 2025, Mr. Tamez was seen by Debra Thay Morris, the nurse for Erath County Jail and was ordered by Laurie Srubar, the NP for Erath County Jail to be taken to the Stephenville Harris Methodist Hospital for treatment due to swelling. Mr. Tamez was sent back to jail by Harris Methodist Hospital but was then sent back to the Harris Methodist ER because the hospital staff failed to give him the medication doctors had prescribed. On December 5th, 2025, Mr. Tamez' medication was increased per the hospital by phone.
On December 5th, 2025, Officer Joshua Brannon conducted the last documented actual check on Mr. Tamez at 10:13pm. Officer Micah Gleason conducted the following rounds without actually looking into the cell at : 11:03pm, 11:49pm, and December 6th 2025 at 12:38am and 1:24am.
On December 6th, 2025 at 2:09am inmates in cell G-2 advised control that an inmate was breathing weird and needed to be checked on. At 2:12am, inmates in G-2 advised control that the inmate was not breathing. Acting Sergeant Jody Lane, Officers Joshua Brannon and Micah Gleason responded to G-2 and entered the cell at 2:13am. Mr. Tamez was unresponsive and Acting Sergeant Lane began CPR on Mr. Tamez and continued until EMS arrived and took over at 2:24am. Mr. Tamez was transported by EMS to Stephenville Harris Methodist Hospital and the transferred to Forth Worth Harris Methodist Hospital, where he remained until December 12th, 2025. Mr. Tamez was an organ donor and the start of the organ donation process was at 9:46pm, the time of his death.