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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-569-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/25/2025 2:30 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Fort Bend County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1840 Richmond Parkway
Agency City:	Richmond	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77469		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Eric
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Fagan		

Reporter Name:	Scott Heinemeyer	Reporter Email:	scott.heinemeyer@fortbendcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Darrell

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Fletcher

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/1/1968

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/21/2025 3:48 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/21/2025 3:58 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:

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Autopsy conducted at Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office on 07/22/25, by Morna Gonsoulin, M.D., and assigned ME case # 25-01897F
The decedent had been previously diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer with metastasis, stage 3 kidney failure, and anemia.
Cause of Death: Complications of prostatic adenocarcinoma (stage IV)
Manner of Death: Natural

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:	1410 Richmond Parkway	City:	Richmond
County:	Fort Bend	Zip:	77469

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:	4/9/2024 1:10 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: No

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:

Murder

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: Violent Crime Against Persons

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:

On April 9, 2024, the deceased (Darrell Wayne Fletcher) was arrested by the Houston Police Department on a Murder warrant and subsequently incarcerated in the Fort Bend County Jail. Darrel Fletcher remained in custody in the Fort Bend County Jail from the date of his arrest until the date of his in-custody death on July 21, 2025.

During this time in custody, it was learned that Darrel Fletcher was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer with metastasis, stage 3 kidney failure, and anemia; for which conditions Darrel Fletcher had been receiving medical treatment from physician(s).

On July 21, 2025, at about 3:48 p.m., an FBCSO Deputy was conducting a routine security round in medical tank (2A). During this security round, the Deputy stopped at cell 21 and received no verbal response from inmate Darrell Fletcher, who was seen lying on the bunk in his single-person cell. The Deputy opened the closed cell door and found Darrell Fletcher to be unresponsive and pulseless. The Deputy called for medical personnel, who also called 911 for an EMS response. CPR was initiated by detention personnel until EMS personnel arrived. EMS evaluated Darrel Fletcher and pronounced him deceased at 3:58 p.m.

During the subsequent death investigation led by a TXDPS Ranger, no apparent signs of bodily injury or foul play were observed on Darrell Fletcher's person or cell, respectively. Darrell Fletcher's body was transported to the Fort Bend Cunty Medical Examiner's Office for Autopsy, which was conducted the following day, July 22, 2025. The preliminary autopsy information known was that no significant bodily injury was observed, and the probable cause of death was most likely related to metastatic cancerous tumors observed. The official cause and manner of death were are pending toxicology and the final report from the FBCME doctor.

On October 23, FBCSO received the FBCME autopsy report for this case, noting the cause and manner of death as: Complications of prostatic adenocarcinoma (stage IV), and Natural, respectively.