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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 26-138-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 2/23/2026 1:58 PM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Comanche County  
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 300 W. Industrial  
Blvd.

Agency City: Comanche

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76442

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: CHRISTOPHER

Director Middle Name: D

Director Last Name: POUNDS

Reporter Name: CHRISTOPHER  
POUNDS

Reporter Email: cdpounds@co.comanche.tx.us

## Decedent Information

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## Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Carl

Middle Name: Franklin

Last Name: Terrell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/27/1956

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 69

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 9/13/2025 6:03 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 2/1/2026 5:40 PM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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

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

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

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Manner of Death: Natural

## Medical Cause of Death:

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### Medical Cause of Death:

Preliminary Cause of Death: Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Contributory: Complications of emphysema; probable urinary tract infection.

Manner of death: Natural

FINAL REPORT:

Emphysema

Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

Mild cardiomegaly with marked concentric left ventricular hypertrophy

Arteriolonephrosclerosis

Left anterior descending coronary artery, moderate atherosclerosis

Probable urinary tract infection

cloudy light urine

complaints of lower abdominal pain

No evidence of injury

blood collected for genetics/molecular autopsy, if requested

Cause of Death Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

Contributory Complications of emphysema, probable urinary tract infection

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?

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Medical Treatment: No

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

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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)

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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?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Pre-existing medical condition

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

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

cause

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 300 W Industrial  
Blvd

City: Comanche

County: Comanche

Zip: 76442

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

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Location Category: Law Enforcement  
Facility

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

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Type of Custody: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

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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):

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Entry Date Time: 9/13/2025 6:10 PM

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Law enforcement  
facility/booking  
center

## General Information

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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:

Theft of Firearm PC 31.03(e)(4)(c)

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: Crime Against  
Property

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:

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

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Barricade self or initiate standoff?: No

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: Yes

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?

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Under Restraint: No

## Summary of Incident

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

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### Summary:

On February 1, 2026, correctional staff at the Comanche County Jail discovered 69 year old inmate Carl Franklin Terrell unresponsive in his bunk during the evening meal service. Medics were called immediately and determined that Terrell was deceased. No lifesaving measures were possible.

Per standard procedure, the Texas Ranger and Justice of the Peace Johnny Conine were notified and responded to the scene. The cell was secured until investigators arrived. After an examination of the cell and the deceased, no injuries, contraband, or signs of foul play were found. The Justice of the Peace pronounced death at 6:00 PM and ordered an autopsy. The body was transported to American Forensics in Mesquite, Texas.

Investigators reviewed video footage, cell check logs, medical records, and interviewed staff and the inmate who had been housed with Terrell. According to available information, Terrell had recently reported nausea and vomiting and had been treated with prescribed medication for those symptoms.

Next of kin were notified the following day.

A preliminary autopsy report, received on February 3, indicated that Terrell suffered from emphysema, cardiovascular disease, and a probable urinary tract infection. No evidence of injury was found, and the initial manner of death was listed as natural. The final autopsy report is pending.

Based on the investigation to date, including review of video, logs, and interviews, all applicable jail policies

and procedures appear to have been followed. The Texas Ranger will complete an independent review and forward findings to the District Attorney.

March 12, 2026 Final Autopsy returned.

September 21, 2026 second attempt to finalize report updating Final Autopsy.