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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-344-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 4/29/2026 10:20
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bandera County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: PO BOX 607

Agency City: Bandera

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78003

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Joshua

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Teitge

Reporter Name: Cary Berger

Reporter Email: cberger@banderacounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lee

Middle Name: Andre

Last Name: Byrd

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/19/1971

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or 11/22/2025 1:09
Incident: AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/31/2026 5:35 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Heart Attack

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: 3360 hwy 173 N

City: Bandera

County: Bandera

Zip: 78003

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: 11/22/2025 1:09
AM

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?: 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:

Man/Del C S PG 1-B >=4G<200G

Offense 2:

Unlawful Poss Firearm by Felon

Offense 3:

Tampering with a Witness

Were the Charges:: Filed

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?: 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 3/31/2026 at approximately 1600 Jail Staff were called to E-1 due to Inmate Lee Byrd falling out of bed. Both officers spent time in the cell trying to assess Byrd's condition. All Inmate Byrd would tell them is that he didn't feel good. The Jail Staff left E-1 as the situation did not appear to be an emergency. Jail Staff spoke with the Facility Nurse advise them of the situation and to inquire if they were aware of any medical history that could be a contributing factor to Inmate Byrd's condition. Nurse advised that Byrd doesn't take any medication and his only medical problem that she was aware of was a bad hip. Jail Staff kept the camera in E-1 up on his screen to maintain visual observation of Byrd.

Jail Staff went to E-1 at approximately 1625 to check on Inmate Byrd. Byrd again stated he didn't feel good but was not able to specify what was bothering him. Jail Staff returned to his desk and maintained observation of Byrd through the camera.

At 1650 Jail Staff saw Inmate Byrd fall while trying to get off the toilet in E-1. Jail Staff responded immediately to the cell. Inmate Byrd was sitting/lying on the floor next to the toilet. After talking to the officers for a few minutes Inmate Byrd collapsed and lost consciousness at 1655. Jail Staff immediately called for EMS and began administering first aid and CPR.

EMS arrived at 1710 and continued CPR. EMS continued with their life saving measures until approximately 1735 when they discontinued their efforts. C.I.D. and the Texas Rangers were contacted to begin their investigation.