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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-400-C

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 5/19/2026 1:17 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th
Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: J. Noe

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Diaz

Reporter Name: Angeline Grimes

Reporter Email: angeline.grimes@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jeremy

Middle Name: Jervon

Last Name: Smith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/18/1990

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 4/9/2026 2:12 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/9/2026 6:18 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: Pending autopsy
results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending Autopsy Results

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

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: Could not be determined

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

Means of Death: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 700 North San Jacinto

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77002

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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: 4/9/2026 4:14 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?: 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:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle

Offense 3:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Fugitive Apprehension

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Used Vehicle as a Weapon

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Attempted to injure law enforcement

Injure Others: personnel

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

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?: Yes

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Yes

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: No

Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: Yes

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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Houston Police Department (HPD) officers assigned to the Westside Gang Unit developed probable cause to initiate a traffic stop using emergency equipment at approximately 2:09 pm, on April 9, 2026. The driver,

Decedent Jeremy Smith, refused to stop, leading to a vehicle pursuit. An HPD Gang Unit officer attempted to block Smith's path with their vehicle, but Smith struck the vehicle while the officer was still inside in an attempt to escape.

Officers stopped the vehicle and detained Decedent Smith and his passenger at 2:12pm. The Harris County District Attorney's Office accepted charges on both occupants. The decedent was charged with Evading in a Motor Vehicle and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, while the passenger, now co-defendant, was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance – Penalty Group 1.

Both individuals were transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center (JPC) separately, arriving at approximately 4:14 pm. During booking, the decedent began showing signs of a medical emergency around 4:58pm. The booking HPD officer and an HCSO detention officer escorted him to medical. While seated at medical, Decedent Smith was asked what was wrong and he stated, "Too much liquor". At 5:02 pm, he suffered a seizure and was placed on the floor in the recovery position.

The Houston Fire Department (HFD) was immediately contacted. While awaiting their arrival, the co-defendant informed those involved that Decedent Smith has ingested cocaine. After being advised of the possible ingestion, Narcan was administered. Medical staff continued treatment until HFD arrived and assumed care. HFD personnel placed him on a stretcher and transported him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased at 6:18 pm.

Preliminary information received from the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences Medical Examiner indicates that the decedent's urinalysis was positive for cocaine and THC. Full toxicology and autopsy results are pending.