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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-749-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/23/2026 10:50 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bell County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	104 S. Main
Agency City:	Belton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76513		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cooke		

Reporter Name: Erich Morsbach Reporter Email: erich.morsbach@bellcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: DIXON

Middle Name: RAY

Last Name: DANNY

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/11/1961 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/16/2026 12:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/16/2026 12:45 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 pending

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

Pending autopsy

Manner of Death: results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Unknown

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?: 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?: Could not be determined

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

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	2504 S Loop 121	City:	Belton
County:	Bell	Zip:	76513

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 - day room/recreation area

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:	5/17/2026 9:21 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?:	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:

PC 22.01(a)(1) Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member

Offense 2:

HSC481.115(b) Poss CS PG1/1-B < 1G

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; 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?:	Yes	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 September 16, 2026, at approximately 12:45PM, inmate, Danny Ray Dixon (W/M DOB 02/11/1961), passed away at the Bell County Jail, located at 2105 S. Loop 121 in Belton Texas. Details are as follows:

At approximately 12:19PM Dixon was taking a shower in the rear shower of the B1D Bathroom Area. While outside view of the camera system, something occurred in the shower area that got the attention of multiple inmates within the dayroom area. Three (3) inmates checked on Dixon and signaled the B2 Control Booth Operator. The Booth Operator made a "Medical Emergency" distress call across the radio to alert jail staff.

At approximately 12:20PM four (4) Jailers and one (1) Deputy arrived on scene. Jail Staff began assessing the situation as inmates within the cell informed the responding Jail Staff that Dixon had fallen and suffered a possible seizure.

At approximately 12:21PM two additional Jailers and Medical Staff arrived on scene. Medical Staff began their initial assessment of Dixon and gathered vitals noting that Dixon had, "Agonal breathing." Based on their assessment, Medical Staff requested Emergency Medical Services (EMS) be notified. 9-1-1 was called by the on-scene Deputy at approximately 12:24PM.

At approximately 12:25PM Medical Staff continued assessing Dixon and noted that his pupils were no longer reactive. An Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) was applied, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was initiated at approximately 12:26PM.

At approximately 12:29PM AED analyzed Dixon and advised, "No Shock." CPR was resumed until EMS arrived at approximately 12:40PM. EMS took over CPR and care at approximately 12:42PM. CPR and life saving measures were continued until EMS ceased all care at approximately 12:48PM.

At approximately 1:18PM the on-call Justice of the Peace, a Bell County Criminal Investigations Lieutenant as well as a Texas Ranger arrived on scene to initiate their investigation. Once they had concluded their

on-scene duties, the funeral home was called to transport Dixon's remains to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences (SWIFS) at 2355 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas for autopsy. Cause of Death is pending Toxicology