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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-841-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 10/26/2026 11:10
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Denton County
Sheriff's Office.

Agency Address: 127 N. Woodrow
Ln. Suite 300

Agency City: Denton

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76205

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Tracy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Murphree

Reporter Name: Ronald Pettigrew

Reporter Email: ron.pettigrew@dentoncounty.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Carolina

Middle Name: Sanchez

Last Name: Macias

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/28/1967

Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 59

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/27/2026 11:40 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/18/2026 3:50 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)

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending

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: 3535 IH-35

City: Denton

County: Denton

Zip: 76210

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 7/21/2026 10:05
AM

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:

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

Specify Weapon Used:

None

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?: 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 July 21, 2026, at approximately 0711 hours, Inmate Caroline Macias SO# 260363 was transported by EMS to Medical City Denton hospital. The reason for the transport was documented in an email as dehydration, altered mental status, and low blood pressure. She was housed in the Tower Jail Medical Pod 22 prior to being transported. Inmate Macias never returned to the jail after this admission.

Inmate Macias had just returned from a hospital stay on July 19, 2026, at approximately 1925 hours. Inmate Macias was admitted for that hospital stay on July 3, 2026, at Medical City Denton. Inmate Macias had been housed in Tower Jail Medical Pod 22. The reason for transport for this hospital stay was listed as hypertension.

Prior to these hospital stays, Inmate Macias had a ground-level fall and broken her ankle. Inmate Macias was taken to the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton on May 1, 2026, at approximately 1358 hours. Inmate Macias was admitted and went into surgery for her ankle on May 2, 2026. Inmate Macias returned to the jail on May 5, 2026, and was placed in Tower Jail Medical Pod 22.

During the most recent hospitalization, medical documentation indicates that emergency surgery was performed on July 21, 2026. It is documented that the hospital reported an exploratory abdominal surgery and a small bowel resection.

Medical documentation shows that on July 22, 2026, the hospital reported Inmate Macias being in the ICU and not waking up very well. Medical documentation also shows that Inmate Macias was still very septic. Medical documentation shows that Inmate Macias was intubated and placed on a ventilator.

On July 31, 2026, medical documentation shows that an abdominal washout surgery was done. Inmate Macias continued to be intubated and on the ventilator.

On September 8, 2026, Medical City Denton filed an Application for Temporary Guardianship of Inmate Macias in Judge David Jahn's Probate Court # 1. On September 16, 2026, the Temporary Guardianship was so ordered by the court. North Texas Guardianship Services LLC was awarded the Guardianship.

Per documentation of Denton County Sheriff's Office CID investigator Stephen Falcon, on July 18, 2026, the decision was made by inmate Macias' guardian, Stephanie Gohlke at 1321 hours to terminate life support. Life support was terminated at 1400 hours. Doctor Qasim Sajawal pronounced Inmate Macias deceased at 1550 hours. Inmate Macias' body was transferred to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner; all results are pending, awaiting their report.