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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1085-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/29/2024 10:40 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Donley County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 910
Agency City:	Clarendon	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79226		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Charles
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Blackburn,JR.		
Reporter Name:	Charles Blackburn,JR.	Reporter Email:	charles.blackburn@co.donley.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Edward

Middle Name:

Last Name: Stevenson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/17/1964 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 60

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/10/2024 3:17 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/10/2024 3:17 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 are available

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

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death:	Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:
Blood loss

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?:	Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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?:	Rifle/shotgun

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?:	Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

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

Means of Death:	Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	Interstate 40	City:	Clarendon
County:	Donley	Zip:	79226

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing 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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

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:

Possession of Controlled Substance PG 1 >200 grams < 400 grams

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest with 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:	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:	Yes, mark all that apply
Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details:	Used vehicle as weapon

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

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Yes	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:	Unknown	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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Edward Stevenson was driving a truck-tractor semi-trailer, while actively fleeing law enforcement, who had information he was in possession of narcotics and had an active federal narcotics investigation. During the pursuit, Edward struck the rear of a law enforcement vehicle, while actively fleeing. His wife (Elizabeth Stevenson) was a passenger, who displayed a firearm at law enforcement, resulting in officers firing upon the truck tractor, killing both Edward and Elizabeth Stevenson. A subsequent investigation revealed Edward to be in possession of a handgun also.