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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	3/11/2025 10:31 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Gillespie County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1601 E. Main
Agency City:	Fredricksburg	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78624		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Buddy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Mills		
Reporter Name:	John Robinson	Reporter Email:	jrobinson@gillespiecounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rohde

Middle Name: Brooke

Last Name: Barnett

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/26/1982 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/31/2025 7:16 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/3/2025 3:00 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:

Received verbal notice from Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office cause was accidental.

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?: Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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: 104 Industrial Loop
City: Fredericksburg
County: Gillespie
Zip: 78624

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Unknown. Injury did not occur in Gillespie County Jail, was prior to incarceration.

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 - detox 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: 1/31/2025 7:16 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?: 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:

Public Intoxication

Offense 2:

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: 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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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:

The individual is identified as Rohde Brooke Barnett, DOB 10/26/82, TXDL 13611456, SSN 464-75-8166.

Mrs. Barnett was booked into the Gillespie County Jail on Friday, 1/31/25 at approximately 7:16 pm for Public Intoxication by the Fredericksburg Police Department. Mrs. Barnett appeared to be extremely intoxicated. She entered the jail under her own power and answered the intake screening questions, which were immediately performed upon her arrival. Mrs. Barnett denied any type of injury. After a short while, before the booking process could be completed, she went unconscious and jail staff were under the impression she had simply "passed out" due to her level of intoxication. She was placed in a holding cell, on a jail mattress, placed in the recovery position, and monitored throughout the night. Jail staff attempted to wake her several times, by touching her and gently shaking her shoulder, to complete the booking process, but got not response. Throughout this time checks were performed, on time as required, and Mrs. Barnett was breathing and simply appeared asleep.

At approximately 4:00 am on Saturday, 2/1/25, jail staff attempted to once again wake her in preparation for serving breakfast. Again, they got no response. At this time they became more concerned and began to try and arouse her. Recognizing there might possibly be a medical condition they began to more vigorously attempt to arouse her. Ammonia ampules were used, as well as a Narcan injection. After contacting the medical hotline, provided by the contract medical provider for the jail, Mrs. Barnett was loaded into a transport vehicle and driven to Methodist Hill Country hospital. This transport was conducted in approximately 6 minutes.

It was at this time they learned Mrs. Barnett was suspected of having a "brain bleed" by hospital staff. A magistrate was summoned to the hospital and issued a Personal Recognizance bond for Mrs. Barnett. Mrs. Barnett was transported, via helicopter, to Brook Army Medical Center. Once at Brook Army Medical Center a family member allegedly told medical staff that Mrs. Barnett had been possibly assaulted "a couple" of days earlier and fell and hit her head. An investigation was opened by the Gillespie County Criminal Investigations Department into that allegation. I believe it was approximately this time the Texas Rangers, Ranger Matlock, was also notified of the situation by the Gillespie County Criminal Investigation Department. Jail video, body camera video, and written reports, were provided to the head of the Criminal Investigations Department to

assist with the investigation.

On Monday, 2-3-25, at approximately 4:00 pm, the Gillespie County Sheriff's Office was notified Mrs. Barnett had passed. After conversations with the Texas Rangers, Ranger Chad Matlock, as well as Ranger Kevin Wright, it was determined that at this time the death would be considered a "custodial death", pending further investigation. I then made contact with TCJS Inspector Mike Garrett, on Monday, 2-3-25, at approximately 5:56 pm, and he was informed of the situation and guidance was sought from him.