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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-321-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	4/28/2025 9:52 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Cooke County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	300 County Road 451
Agency City:	Gainesville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76240		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Ray
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Sappington		
Reporter Name:	Nathan Ervin	Reporter Email:	nathan.ervin@co.cooke.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Frank

Middle Name: Joe

Last Name: Ramirez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/9/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/18/2025 7:20 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/20/2025 5:59 AM

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)

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pneumonia

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:	300 CR 451	City:	Gainesville
County:	Cooke	Zip:	76240

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 - single 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:	3/18/2025 7:20 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?:	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:

Fail to Comply with Sex Offender Duty to Register

Offense 2:

Parole Violation

Offense 3:

Fail to ID Give False Info

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Other, specify; Crimes Against Child(ren)

Type of Offense, Other:

Fail to ID Fugitive

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?: No

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 March 19, 2025, at approximately 0857 hours, Officer Amanda Pena was conducting her observations on the separation cell the deceased, Frank Ramirez, was assigned. Officer Pena reported to Chief Nathan Ervin, after the incident, that while conducting this time check, the deceased was sitting on his bunk. At approximately 0905 hours, Medical Officer Heather Price, attempted to make contact with the deceased for the purpose of administering a TB skin test. Medical Officer Price advised that when she looked in the viewing window, she observed the deceased sitting on the toilet fully dressed and slumped over. Medical Officer Price attempted to call his name and knock on the door several times without any response. Medical Officer Price immediately called for assistance and described the deceased as blue in color and warm to the touch. Immediate lifesaving procedures were began and EMS was notified. Jail Staff alternated giving chest compressions while an AED was placed on the deceased. The AED never gave a shock due to the deceased not having a pulse. At approximately 0919 hours, Cooke County EMS arrived at the Cooke County Detention Center and took over lifesaving procedures and transported him to the North Texas Medical Center (NTMC) in Gainesville, Texas. Once at NTMC, hospital staff was able to obtain a pulse. The decision was made to have Care Flight fly him to Medical City Denton, in Denton, Texas. The deceased was admitted and placed in ICU until he was pronounced deceased on March 20, 2025, at 0559 hours. As standard procedure, the Texas Rangers were notified and an independent investigation was initiated by Ranger Hubble. EOR