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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 25-702-PF | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 9/9/2025 6:36 AM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Harris County Sheriff's Dept. | Agency Address: | 1200 Baker Street |
| Agency City: | Houston | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 77002 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Ed |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Gonzalez | | |
| Reporter Name: | Jeffery Vickery | Reporter Email: | jeffery.vickery@sheriff.hctx.net |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

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| First Name: | Maurel |
| Middle Name: | Avery |
| Last Name: | Watson |
| Suffix: | |
| Date of Birth: | 9/14/1996 |
| Sex: | Male |
| Race: | Black or African American |
| Age At Time Of Death: | 28 |

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

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| Date/Time of Custody or Incident: | 8/26/2025 11:24 PM |

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

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| Death Date and Time: | 8/27/2025 11:57 AM |

## Manner / Cause of Death

### Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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| Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: | Yes, results are available |

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

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| Manner of Death: | Homicide (includes Justifiable |

Homicide)

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Combined toxic effects of phencyclidine and methamphetamine and physical restraint

## 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?: Decedent

## 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?: 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: Unknown

# Location / Custody Information

## Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 922 Ferol Ln
City: Highlands
County: Harris
Zip: 77562

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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

Type of Custody: Private Facility

## 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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

## 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?

None

Offense 1:

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

## 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?: Unknown

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

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

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

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?: | Yes | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: | Yes |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s): | Unknown | Gain possession of officer's weapon: | No |
| Verbally threaten other(s) including law: | Unknown | 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?

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| Under Restraint: | Yes, mark which restraint devices were used |

### Type of restraint

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| Type of Restraint: | Handcuffs |

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On August 26, 2025, Harris County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a disturbance call for service and spoke to numerous witnesses. The decedent was located in a room inside a trailer house. The decedent was observed sweating profusely, shaking, and talking to himself. Deputies attempted to speak to the decedent, and he rushed towards deputies. The decedent was forced to the floor and detained in handcuffs. The decedent refused to walk and was carried outside for waiting paramedics. During transport by paramedics to Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, the decedent became unresponsive, and CPR was started. Hospital staff assumed care of the decedent, and an Emergency Detention Order was filed on the decedent at the hospital. No charges were filed, and deputies departed the hospital.

The decedent was subsequently transferred to Memorial Hermann Hospital-Medical Center. On August 27, 2025, a medical doctor pronounced death.