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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-876-PF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 11/3/2025 1:36 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Wills Point Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 120 North 5th
Street

Agency City: Wills Point

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75169

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Aaron

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Long

Reporter Name: Aaron Long

Reporter Email: along@willspointtx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jonathan

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Lyons

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/9/1976

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 9/17/2025 7:25 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/22/2025 2:50 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy
results

Medical Cause of Death:

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At the time of notification, the Dallas Medical Examiner's Office - Pathologist, advised that the cause of death appears to be a drug overdose. Final results are pending at this time.

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?: 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?: 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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 300 S. Mary St.

City: Wills Point

County: Van_Zandt

Zip: 75169

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: 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?: 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:

TX PC 37.09 Tampering with or Fabricating Evidence.

Offense 2:

TX PC 481.115 Possession of PG 1 > 1g <=4g.

Offense 3:

TX PC 22.01 Assault on Peace Officer.

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; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

At the time of contact, the subject was walking in the middle of a public roadway, walking in public roadway, walking in public roadway - traveling wrong direction, and all said to include walking in public roadway when a sidewalk is present.

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Attempted to injure

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: 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):	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On September 17, 2025, officers with the Wills Point Police Department attempted to initiate a pedestrian stop on Jonathan Lyons for multiple violations, including walking in the roadway against traffic and walking in the roadway when a sidewalk was present. Officers also suspected Lyons may have been in possession of an open container.

Wills Point Officer attempted to make contact with Lyons. He evaded on foot but was detained after 1 minute and 8 seconds, into the investigation. Following the detention, Sergeant Fischer conducted a 15-minute search for suspected evidence Lyons may have discarded while fleeing.

At approximately 16:28 minutes into the investigation, Sergeant Fischer observed Lyons chewing on an unknown substance contained within a plastic bag, suspected to be narcotics. Over the next two minutes, officers attempted to retrieve the bag, and Sergeant Fischer successfully removed it at the 19-minute mark. At this point, Lyons was alive, alert, conscious, talking, and breathing.

Shall be noted, Fischer advised Lyons during the attempted removal of evidence, not to bite him, as Lyons had bitten Fischer.

Due to the suspected ingestion of narcotics, EMS was requested at 18 minutes into the encounter. Christus EMS "Quick Response Vehicle" arrived at minute 28, and custody of Lyons was formally transferred to EMS personnel. At this point, Wills Point PD personnel had no further physical contact with Lyons.

EMS personnel assessed Lyons, who remained responsive and communicative. At minute 38, he was loaded into the ambulance. Officers remained outside the vehicle and did not participate in any further care or handling.

At minute 56, EMS requested Sergeant Fischer back to the ambulance, where Lyons was observed to be unconscious but breathing. EMS advised that a significant amount of Ketamine had been administered and expressed concern over a potential reaction related to methamphetamine use.

At minute 71, EMS informed officers that Lyons had coded (become unresponsive and stopped breathing).

At minute 73, Christus EMS departed the scene with Lyons, who was non-responsive at the time of transport.

Additional Information:

At no time during law enforcement contact was lethal force or excessive force used/conducted.

Lyons was continuously monitored during detention, and verbal interaction was maintained until transfer to EMS.

The official cause and manner of death are pending a final report from the Dallas County Medical Examiner, though the pathologist has preliminarily advised that the cause appears to be a drug overdose