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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-896-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/6/2025 9:58 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Grayson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 S. Crockett
Agency City:	Sherman	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75090		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Bennie		
Reporter Name:	Chad Brinlee	Reporter Email:	brinleec@co.grayson.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jomarr

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Davis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/10/1997 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):

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/21/2025 5:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/21/2025 7:21 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to the head

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?: 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?: Handgun

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:	1801 South Industrial Parkway	City:	Van Alstyne
County:	Grayson	Zip:	75495

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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:

Arrest Warrant for Murder

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:	Violent Crime Against Persons

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:	Discharged firearm

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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):	No	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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On October 21, 2025, at approximately 5:00 AM, Sergeant Jesse Grissom was contacted by Lieutenant Bradley Richards regarding an SRT callout. The suspect, JoMarr Davis, was wanted for murder and had barricaded himself inside a vehicle while armed with a pistol. Dispatch further advised that Davis had threatened to commit “suicide by cop.”

Sergeant Grissom notified SRT members to respond with the armored vehicle and less-lethal options. Investigator Justin Hudnall arrived at the location ahead of the team to establish a sniper position and begin surveillance on the suspect’s vehicle. Additional team members—Corporal Jaden Huse, Deputy Robert Rocha, and Investigator Rudy Hernandez—arrived shortly thereafter. All team members were wearing issued SRT uniforms and were armed with department-issued pistols and rifles.

The suspect was seated in a small white Toyota four-door sedan parked on the north end of a business’s west parking lot, facing west. A Van Alstyne Police Department patrol unit was positioned behind the Toyota, illuminating it with a spotlight. The SRT team and armored vehicle staged approximately 75 meters west of the Toyota near Industrial Parkway at the north entrance to the property. Negotiators were actively communicating with Davis by phone.

Lieutenant Richards remained in contact with the Collin County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team, which was preparing to respond for mutual aid. The SRT team formulated extraction and gas deployment plans. At approximately 7:20 AM, Lieutenant Richards received updated information from negotiators and directed the initiation of the SRT operation. The tactical plan involved using a patrol unit to block the rear of the Toyota while the armored vehicle would approach from the front.

Lieutenant Richards positioned his patrol unit to the rear of the Toyota. The armored vehicle, operated by

Investigator Hernandez (driver) with Deputy Rocha (rear passenger), Corporal Huse (turret), and Sergeant Grissom (front passenger), advanced toward the vehicle from the west across an open field. As the armored vehicle closed to approximately 20 meters, Davis was observed in the driver's seat. Suddenly, his body moved in a manner consistent with having sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. At that time, neither the armored vehicle nor the patrol unit had made contact with the Toyota. Investigator Hernandez advised that Davis had shot himself.

Davis appeared to be taking shallow breaths but was otherwise unresponsive. Lieutenant Richards approached the rear passenger door with a ballistic shield, visually clearing the back seat before finding the door locked. He then moved to the driver's side door, where Sergeant Grissom joined him. Lieutenant Richards secured Davis's right arm while Sergeant Grissom observed an apparent gunshot wound to the right side of Davis's head, consistent with a self-inflicted injury. EMS was immediately requested.

Attempts to remove Davis from the vehicle were initially unsuccessful, as his limbs were rigid and his legs were wedged under the dashboard. Sergeant Grissom set down his rifle, folded Davis's legs at the knees, and, with Lieutenant Richards, pulled him from the vehicle.

Once outside, Davis was placed on the ground and handcuffed. Investigator Hernandez began chest compressions, continuing until EMS personnel took over. During this time, Sergeant Grissom observed a piece of paper fall from the vehicle that appeared to be a suicide note; it was placed back on the vehicle's dashboard for evidence preservation. After Davis was loaded into the ambulance, EMS personnel requested removal of the handcuffs.

Mr. Davis was later pronounced deceased at the hospital at 8:41 AM. The Texas Rangers were notified and subsequently assumed responsibility for the death investigation.