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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-1031-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/19/2025 9:22
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bowie County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 100 North State
Line, BOX 18

Agency City: Texarkana

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75501

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: JEFF

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: NEAL

Reporter Name: Robby McCarver

Reporter Email: robbymccarver@bowiecounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Cornelius

Middle Name: Kevon

Last Name: Riles

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/16/2006

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 19

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/11/2025 3:09
PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/14/2025 10:36
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:

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Per the autopsy report, "Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Cornelius Kevon Riles, a 19-year-old male, died as a result of hanging"

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?: 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: Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 105 West Front
Street

City: Texarkana

County: Bowie

Zip: 75501

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: 6/27/2025 2:52 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:

Publish or Threaten to Publish Intimate Visual Material

Offense 2:

Probation Violation for Assault Causing Bodily Injury

Offense 3:

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons;
Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Publish or Threaten to Publish Intimate Visual Material

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?: 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:

On 11-11-2025, Deputies were dispatched to the Bowie County Jail Annex located at 105 W. Front Street Texarkana, TX. Inmate Cornelius Riles was in a single occupancy cell and found hanging during routine checks. Inmate Riles had tied his t-shirt to the vent and hanged himself. The correctional officer made entry and cut the ligature from inmate Riles and life saving measures were started. Lifenet Ambulance Services responded and Riles was resuscitated and transported to Christus St. Michael's Hospital where efforts were continued. Due to the injuries sustained, Riles remained on life support until 11-14-2025 @10:36am. His family had opted to remove Riles from support and he expired shortly afterwards. Justice of the Peace Jay Womack responded and ordered the autopsy of Cornelius Riles. He has been sent to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for medical examination.

Due to the potential death of Riles on 11-11-2025, we contacted TX Ranger Josh Mason for outside investigation. Although Riles was still alive (on life support), his single occupancy cell was secured and processed as a crime scene to include photographs and evidence collection. Riles did not expire until 11-14-2025. TX Ranger Mason was away on assignment. Subsequently, TX Ranger David Stewart responded to Christus St. Michael's Hospital to process Riles and arrange for autopsy.

Results of the autopsy are pending.

AMENDMENT-Autopsy results are available with the medical examiner determining the manner of death as Suicide.

