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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-138-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/23/2026 1:58 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Comanche County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	300 W. Industrial Blvd.
Agency City:	Comanche	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76442		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	CHRISTOPHER
Director Middle Name:	D		
Director Last Name:	POUNDS		
Reporter Name:	CHRISTOPHER POUNDS	Reporter Email:	cdpounds@co.comanche.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Carl

Middle Name: Franklin

Last Name: Terrell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/27/1956 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 69

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/13/2025 6:03 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/1/2026 5:40 PM

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:

Preliminary Cause of Death: Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.
Contributory: Complications of emphysema; probable urinary tract infection.
Manner of death: Natural
FINAL REPORT:
Emphysema
Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
Mild cardiomegaly with marked concentric left ventricular hypertrophy
Arteriolonephrosclerosis
Left anterior descending coronary artery, moderate atherosclerosis
Probable urinary trat infection
cloudy light urine
complaints of lower abdominal pain
No evidence of injury
blood collected for genetics/molecular autopsy, if requested
Cause of Death Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
Contributory Complications of emphysema, probable urinary tract infection
Manner of Death Natural

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?:	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 W Industrial Blvd	City:	Comanche
County:	Comanche	Zip:	76442

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	9/13/2025 6:10 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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?

Offense 1:

Theft of Firearm PC 31.03(e(4)(c)

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Crime Against Property

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?:	Yes	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):	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 February 1, 2026, correctional staff at the Comanche County Jail discovered 69 year old inmate Carl Franklin Terrell unresponsive in his bunk during the evening meal service. Medics were called immediately and determined that Terrell was deceased. No lifesaving measures were possible.
Per standard procedure, the Texas Ranger and Justice of the Peace Johnny Conine were notified and responded to the scene. The cell was secured until investigators arrived. After an examination of the cell and the deceased, no injuries, contraband, or signs of foul play were found. The Justice of the Peace pronounced death at 6:00 PM and ordered an autopsy. The body was transported to American Forensics in Mesquite, Texas.
Investigators reviewed video footage, cell check logs, medical records, and interviewed staff and the inmate who had been housed with Terrell. According to available information, Terrell had recently reported nausea and vomiting and had been treated with prescribed medication for those symptoms.
Next of kin were notified the following day.
A preliminary autopsy report, received on February 3, indicated that Terrell suffered from emphysema, cardiovascular disease, and a probable urinary tract infection. No evidence of injury was found, and the initial manner of death was listed as natural. The final autopsy report is pending.
Based on the investigation to date, including review of video, logs, and interviews, all applicable jail policies

and procedures appear to have been followed. The Texas Ranger will complete an independent review and forward findings to the District Attorney.
March 12, 2026 Final Autopsy returned.
September 21, 2026 second attempt to finalize report updating Final Autopsy.