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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-218-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.	Agency Address:	4200 Smith School Rd
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78744		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Director	Director First Name:	Ron
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	VanderRoest		
Reporter Name:	Michael Durand	Reporter Email:	mike.durand@tpwd.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: James

Middle Name: Douglas

Last Name: McMillan

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/30/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/4/2026 11:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/4/2026 11:30 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 pending

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

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death:	Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending

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?:	Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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?:	Rifle/shotgun

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:	Interstate Highway 10 @ Mile Marker 176 E.	City:	N/Z
County:	Culberson	Zip:	79855

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: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

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:

Aggravated Assault Against Public Servant

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault

Offense 3:

Evading Arrest, Search, Detention - Motor Vehicle

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Fleeing Federal Checkpoint (USBP)

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?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	Unknown
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:	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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

A man is dead after DPS says he fired at law enforcement and civilian vehicles during a high-speed chase on I-10 in West Texas Wednesday morning. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the chase started around 10:30 AM near Sierra Blanca after a driver fled a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint along I-10. Investigators say a Border Patrol drug K-9 alerted to the vehicle, and agents told the driver to pull over for a secondary inspection. The driver instead sped away. DPS identified the driver as 33-year-old James Douglas McMillan from Greenfield, Wisconsin. DPS states McMillan began firing a gun out of the window during the chase, shooting at DPS troopers, other law enforcement officers, and civilian vehicles on the highway. Several agencies responded to assist, including the Culberson County Sheriff's Office, Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Border Patrol Tactical Unit. Troopers eventually used a precision immobilization technique, or PIT maneuver, to stop the vehicle. DPS says McMillan then barricaded himself inside the car. When authorities say he later pointed a weapon at officers, law enforcement opened fire. McMillan was shot and killed at the scene. Authorities report no law enforcement officers or civilians were injured. Investigators later found that the vehicle McMillan was driving had been reported stolen out of Arizona. The investigation is led by the Texas Rangers, with help from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Border Patrol.