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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-664-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/25/2026 10:08 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: Dedrick

Middle Name: Djuan

Last Name: Polk

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/26/1972

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/16/2026 10:47 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/13/2026 7:06 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending toxicology and histology

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	200 S. Crockett Street	City:	Sherman
County:	Grayson	Zip:	75090

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:
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:	7/16/2026 10:47 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:

Poss CS PG 1 >= 4G<200G

Offense 2:

Poss Marj <2OZ

Offense 3:

Poss CS PG 1 >= 1G < 4G

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

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?:	Yes

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 August 13, 2026, at approximately 6:20 p.m., Inmate Polk was observed in the dayroom being supported by another inmate near a table. Inmate Polk appeared to be shaking and foaming at the mouth, consistent with possible seizure activity. Jail medical personnel responded at approximately 6:22 p.m., were unable to detect a pulse, and initiated CPR and use of an AED. Sherman EMS arrived at approximately 6:32 p.m. and assumed lifesaving measures. Inmate Polk was transported to Sherman Medical Center, arriving at approximately 6:48 p.m. Judge Hampton pronounced Inmate Polk deceased at 7:06 p.m.