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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-671-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 8/26/2026 11:16
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Tom Green County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 222 W. Harris

Agency City: San Angelo

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76903

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: John

Director Middle Name: N

Director Last Name: Hanna

Reporter Name: Roger Looka

Reporter Email: roger.looka@co.tom-green.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Russell

Middle Name:

Last Name: Spencer

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/17/1969

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 57

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/26/2026 2:25 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/1/2026 8:29 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner
Evaluation?: No, evaluation not
planned

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Stroke with brain bleed.

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?: 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: 120 E. Harris

City: San Angelo

County: Tom_Green

Zip: 76903

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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: 7/30/2026 9:02 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?: 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:

Criminal Trespass Class B Misdemeanor

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?: 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:

Russell Spencer, 57-year-old male, was booked into the Tom Green County Jail on July 26, 2026, after leaving Shannon Medical Center against medical advice and receiving a Criminal Trespass charge for refusing to leave the premises. Russell was hospitalized at Shannon from July 25th through July 26th due to upper gastrointestinal bleeding, anemia, ascites, and esophageal varices. During his stay, he received 2 units of blood and was discharged with a hemoglobin level of 7.3, an increase from the critical admission level of 5.

On July 28, 2026, jail medical staff checked his hemoglobin level, which had risen to 7.9. Russell's medical history included significant conditions such as cirrhosis, portal hypertension, hepatitis C, iron deficiency anemia, chronic gastrointestinal blood loss, portal hypertensive gastropathy, COPD, CHF, hypertension, mitral valve regurgitation, infective carditis, long QT syndrome, methamphetamine abuse, alcohol abuse, and medication noncompliance. On July 30, 2026, Russell was sent to the Shannon ER due to altered mental status, weakness, and reports of falling in his cell. On July 31, 2026, at approximately 7:29am Russell was showing signs of a stroke, prompting hospital staff to order a stat CT scan. The CT results indicated a brain bleed. He was intubated to secure his airway, and an emergency decompressive craniectomy was performed. Following the surgery, he was transferred to the ICU.

A PR bond was issued at 9:21am on July 31, 2026. Although Russell was unable to sign the paperwork, he was granted a Personal Recognizance Bond to allow his mother and other family members to be with him during his palliative care. Russell Spencer passed away at 8:29pm on August 1, 2026. Custodial death is being investigated by Texas Ranger Terry Eaton. An autopsy was not ordered.