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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-412-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/2/2025 2:49 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lamar County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	125 Brown Ave.
Agency City:	Paris	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75460		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Scott
Director Middle Name:	C		
Director Last Name:	Cass		
Reporter Name:	Tommy Moore	Reporter Email:	chiefdeputymoore@co.lamar.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Eldon

Middle Name: Ray

Last Name: Morris

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/31/1989 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/15/2025 3:19 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/24/2025 9:37 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:

Pulmonary emboli due to deep venous thrombosis.

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:	125 Brown Ave	City:	Paris
County:	Lamar	Zip:	75460

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:	4/15/2025 3:19 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:

Driving While Intoxicated - MB

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: 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):	Yes	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		Gain possession of officer's	

officer(s):	No	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 April 24, 2025, at approximately 20:42, a medical emergency call was placed from Men's Dorm Four by a detention officer. Jail nursing staff and other detention officers responded to this call. Once inside the dorm, the jail nurse made contact with Eldon Morris.
The jail nurse reported that Morris was diaphoretic and stated that his lungs were hurting. The jail nurse attempted to obtain vital signs on Morris, but he was too erratic and unable to stay still long enough to obtain an accurate set of vitals.
A detention officer retrieved a wheelchair to assist Morris to the medical exam room. While waiting with Morris, the jail nurse helped him to his feet and started walking toward the exam room.
Once they met the detention officer with the wheelchair, Morris was quickly taken to the medical office. He stepped from the wheelchair to the exam table, where the nurse immediately made another attempt to gain vital signs. Morris was asked if he had ingested any drugs or alcohol since being incarcerated or if he was possibly detoxing, to which he replied no. Morris informed the nurse that he was having problems breathing and needed oxygen. The jail nurse noticed that Morris had lost a significant amount of color and was becoming increasingly pale. He then instructed a detention officer to contact dispatch and have an ambulance sent to the jail.
The jail nurse had two other detention officers stay with Morris while he retrieved an oxygen mask. While doing so, the nurse was summoned by the detention officers and observed that Morris's breathing had become shallow to an undetectable rate.
CPR was immediately initiated by the jail nurse and detention officers. As one detention officer administered chest compressions, the nurse retrieved an AMBU bag and began administering breaths. Several detention officers and a patrol deputy switched out while administering compressions.
This process continued until EMS and Fire Rescue arrived on the scene, took over CPR, and started administering lifesaving measures.
Morris was then transported to Paris Regional Health, where he was later pronounced deceased by Dr. Tyson Jordan, with the time of death being 21:37.