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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-424-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/6/2025 11:39 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Taylor County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	450 Pecan
Agency City:	Abilene	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79602		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Ricky
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Bishop		
Reporter Name:	Ricky Bishop	Reporter Email:	ricky.bishop@taylorcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: BRENDA

Middle Name: PACK

Last Name: JARRELL

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/10/1961 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 64

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/5/2025 11:09 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/6/2025 12:49 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Died as a result of congestive heart failure due to hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Asthma, human immunodeficiency virus(HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), and chronic polysubstance abuse are contributing factors to her death.

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?: 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:	910 SOUTH 27TH ST	City:	ABILENE
County:	Taylor	Zip:	79602

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 - single 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:	2/24/2025 3:57 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:

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Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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?:	No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A

Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 June 5, 2025, at approximately 2309 hours inmate Brenda Pack Jarrell, dob 03-10-1961 was found unresponsive in her cell. CPR was started by staff and EMS was called. EMS and the Abilene Fire Department arrived at 2317. They took over lifesaving procedures. At 2353 the ambulance departed the jail with inmate Jarrell, who had a pulse, enroute to Hendrick South Hospital. At 2358 they arrived at the hospital and CPR was started again. Medical staff continued lifesaving procedures but those failed. The ER Doctor determined time of death at 0049. Texas Ranger Zach Johnson is the lead investigator. The Body will be sent for an autopsy. Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas Case # IFS-25-08878.