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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-584-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/31/2025 1:56 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		

Reporter Name:	Youashavion Williams	Reporter Email:	youashavion.williams@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Roy

Middle Name: Larry

Last Name: Stigger

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/2/1969

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/21/2025 5:21 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/26/2025 7:04 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: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

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Based on the available case history and autopsy findings, it is the opinion of Medical Examiner Dr. Grant Herndon that the cause and manner of death of Roy Larry Stigger, a 56-year-old male, are undetermined. According to reports, the decedent became unresponsive while being subdued in his jail cell by multiple officers. There is reportedly no video footage, either in the form of footage from surveillance cameras or from body worn camera, that documents the event. The precise chain of events that led to the decedent's demise, including the extent of restraint used and the positioning of the decedent and officers prior to his becoming unresponsive, are therefore unknown. Should further information come to light in the future, the cause and/or manner of death may be amended.

Manner of Death: UNDERTERMINED

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?:	Could not be determined

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

Means of Death:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Death was ruled UNDETERMINED

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	111 W. Commerce Street	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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:	7/21/2025 5:21 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:
Assault Family/Houshold Member Previous Conviction	
	Offense 2:
Arson	
	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:	Violent Crime Against Persons; 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?:	Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Injured 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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On July 21, 2025, at approximately 5:21pm, Roy Larry Stigger B/M 05/02/1969 (Decedent) was booked into Dallas County Jail Lew Sterrett Justice Center by the City of Dallas Police Department on charges of Assault Family/Household Member Previous Conviction IAT under warrant number F2556947 and Arson under warrant number F2576460.

On July 26, 2025, at approximately 5:15 p.m., the decedent tied a torn piece of his jumper around the smoke detector. The decedent was ordered to remove his jumper from the smoker detector. The decedent refused. Dallas County Sheriff Department Detention Service Supervisor (DSS) J. Wills #7801 was notified and responded to the Dallas County Lew Sterrett Jail North Tower Gil Hernandez facility single cell N106 “B” cell. DSS Wills asked the decedent to remove the jumper, and he refused.

DSS Wills called for Dallas County Sheriff’s Department Detention Service Officers (DSO) A. Baak 39026, F. Mahmoodi #5855, D. Johnson #10131, G. Garner #8423, S. Palomino #10376, and Dallas County Sheriff’s Department Deputy Sheriff (D-1) R. Brown #1399 to respond to single cell N106 “B” cell. The decedent attempted to tie the torn piece of jumper around his neck. When the officers entered the decedent’s cell, he began to swing at the officers.

The decedent was taken to the ground and began resisting by kicking and refusing to turn on his stomach. DSO Baak placed the Decedent in handcuffs at approximately 5:42 p.m. Registered Nurse (RN) N. Goodwin was notified, responded, and requested the handcuffs to be removed at approximately 5:43 p.m. to assess the Decedent.

While assessing the Decedent, RN Goodwin asked for additional nurses to be called. DSS Wills called for additional nurses via radio. Nurse Practitioner S. Chacko responded and determined the decedent needed further treatment at Parkland Memorial Hospital (PMH).

Chest compressions began at approximately 5:52 p.m. RN E. Kamau contacted Acadian for transport. Acadian unit #4609 arrived in N0106at approximately 6:15 p.m. and departed at 6:30 p.m. with the decedent and DSOs D. Johnson # 8552 and K. Gabriel #10723.

At 7:04 p.m., Dr. Madeline Silverstein pronounced the decedent deceased.

On July 28, 2025, an autopsy was conducted on the decedent. Based on the available case history and autopsy findings, it is the opinion of Medical Examiner Dr. Grant Herndon that the cause and manner of death of Roy Larry Stigger, a 56-year-old male, are undetermined. According to reports, the decedent became unresponsive while being subdued in his jail cell by multiple officers. There is reportedly no video footage, either in the form of footage from surveillance cameras or from body worn camera, that documents the event. The precise chain of events that led to the decedent's demise, including the extent of restraint used and the positioning of the decedent and officers prior to his becoming unresponsive, are therefore unknown. Should further information come to light in the future, the cause and/or manner of death may be amended.

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