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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-614-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/11/2025 2:25 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Tarrant County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 Taylor St., Plaza Bldg. 7th Floor
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76196		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Waybourn		
Reporter Name:	Carrol Morris	Reporter Email:	cemorris@tarrantcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Richard

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gutkowski

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 7/3/1964 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/29/2025 9:56 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/6/2025 10:47 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:

Peritonitis due to perforation of the colon

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:	100 N. Lamar	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76196

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:	7/29/2025 9:56 AM

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 PC 30.05

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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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		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:

Tarrant County Inmate GUTKOWSKI, RICHARD, white male, DOB: 07/03/1964 CID 0325806 had been housed at the Tarrant County Jail/Tarrant County Correction Center at 100 N. Lamar, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76196. Inmate Gutkowski had been in TCSO custody since 07/29/2025 on one (1) charge(s), Criminal Trespass, Class B misdemeanor. Inmate Gutkowski died on 08/06/2025 at approximately 1047 hours at John Peter Smith Hospital. Inmate Gutkowski suffered a medical emergency in his cell (59-B-14-01) on 08/06/2025.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office was notified and took possession of Inmate Gutkowski. Tarrant County Sheriff's Detective Bruce Mosley BLMosley@tarrantcountytx.gov 817-884-1305 has been assigned the death investigation (TCSO report 2025-10281). Parker County Sheriff's Detective C. Townsend will be the investigating authority. Further documentation and reports will follow the investigation as they become available.

Autopsy report received, cause of death determined to be Peritonitis due to perforation of the colon, manner of death is natural.