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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-686-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/2/2025 2:04 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:	Kristen Sanders	Reporter Email:	kksanders@tarrantcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Steven

Middle Name:

Last Name: Whittley

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/4/1962

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 63

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/11/2025 12:16 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/24/2025 5:08 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:

Hypertensive atheroscleoritc cardiovascular disease

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?:	Could not be determined

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:	1500 S. Main Street	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76104

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:

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:	7/11/2025 12:16 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:

Man/Del CS PG 1>=4<200 Grams

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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	arrested?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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 Whittley, Steven (B/M; DOB: 07/04/1962; CID 0206332), was booked into the Tarrant County Corrections Center at 100 N. Lamar St, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76196 on 07/11/2025 at 1216 hours. Inmate Whittley was arrested on an outstanding warrant for the criminal offense of Man/Del CS PG 1 >=4<200 Grams. Inmate Whittley was placed on a United States Marshall Service Hold/Detainer.

Whittley was transported to John Peter Smith (JPS) Hospital from the Tarrant County Corrections Center on Friday, August 22, 2025, at 0504 hours after he was found unresponsive inside his cell. He was later intubated and placed in the intensive care unit at JPS.

Inmate Whittley’s family visited him on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at which time they discussed withdrawing life-sustaining treatment. On Sunday, August 24, 2025, Whittley’s family made the decision to discontinue life support. Whittley was pronounced deceased at 1708 hours on August 24, 2025, by JPS Dr. Parra-Maggio.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner’s Office (TCME) was notified and Inmate Whittley was taken to the JPS morgue to await transport to the TCME Office (TCME Report #251-3737).

Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office Detective Ivory Ramsey IDRamsey@tarrantcountytx.gov has been assigned the death investigation (TCSO report #2025-11074). Sergeant J. Fitzgerald with the Ellis County Sheriff’s Office will perform an independent investigation of the case. An autopsy was conducted by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's office on 08/25/2025 and results are pending. Further documentation and reports will follow the investigation as they become available.