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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-751-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/21/2025 9:44 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	El Paso County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	3850 Justice Road
Agency City:	El Paso	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79938		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Oscar
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Ugarte		
Reporter Name:	Samuel Magallanes	Reporter Email:	smagallanes@epcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Tara

Middle Name:

Last Name: Williams

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/9/1984 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/15/2025 8:17 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/21/2025 2:52 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hanging

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:	Yes

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?:	Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

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

Means of Death:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	601 E. Overland Ave	City:	El Paso
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79901

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:	9/11/2025 7:15 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?:	Yes

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:

AC/ Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1/1-B less than 1 gram. Cause# 20240D02095

Offense 2:

AC/CNT I/Man/Del Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1/1-B >=4 grams <200 grams Cause# 20240D02248

Offense 3:

AC/CNT II/Attempt to Commit Tamper/ Fabricate Physical Evidence w/ Intent to Impair. Cause# 20240D02248
4. Possession Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1/1-B less than 1 Gram. Cause# 2025-PF-ILE09508/ JMAG25-09825

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	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: No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On September 11, 2025, at approximately 0715 hours, Inmate Tara Williams was arrested by the Anthony Police Department (Case #2025090024) on the outstanding warrants previously mentioned.

Inmate Williams was assigned to Cellblock 1120 at the El Paso County Detention Facility. On September 15, 2025, at approximately 2015 hours, Detention Officers were conducting an administrative floor check. At approximately 2017 hours, they entered Cellblock 1120 and discovered Inmate Williams hanging inside her cell. A medical emergency was immediately reported over the radio, and the appropriate protocols were activated.

Additional Detention Officers and medical staff arrived at the scene and assisted in performing CPR. The El Paso Fire Department was notified and responded promptly. Inmate Williams was transported to University Medical Center, located at 4815 Alameda Ave, El Paso, Texas 79905, by El Paso Fire Department Rescue 4. Upon arrival, she was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit for ongoing medical evaluation.

On September 21, 2025, at approximately 1452 hours, Inmate Williams was pronounced deceased by Physician S. McClain.

Video of officer response was captured from the cellblock dayroom camera, as well as the body cameras of the supervisors present at the scene.

An investigation is currently underway. Currently, there is no suspicion of foul play.