KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-775-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/29/2025 4:05 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Ector County Sheriff's Ofc.	Agency Address:	2500 S. Highway 385
Agency City:	Odessa	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79761		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Griffis		

Reporter Name:	Randy Dominguez	Reporter Email:	randy.dominguez@ectorcountysheriff.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: David

Middle Name: earl

Last Name: Dennis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/14/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/12/2025 2:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/12/2025 2:30 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

gunshot wound

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?: Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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?: Handgun

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: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	800 blk of Claymoor Dr	City:	Odessa
County:	Ector	Zip:	79795

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

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:

Possession of controlled substance SJF

Offense 2:

Unauthorized use of motor vehicle SJF

Offense 3:

resisting arrest

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed firearm without discharge

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

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	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:	Yes
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 09-12-2025, a ECSO Deputy, observed a wanted subject walking in the alleyway of a residence which is known to distribute narcotics. While the Deputy was driving by the subject he recognized the subject as a known Felony wanted person. ECSO Deputy parked his unit behind the subject as he was walking away from the Deputy. The Deputy exited his vehicle and immediately verbally contacted the known wanted person. While the Deputy told the subject to stop and speak with him the subject began to reach into his waistband and attempt to pull something out. The Deputy grabbed the subject by his arms and began to struggle with

subject. The actor began to actively resist the Deputy. Both the Deputy and actor went to the ground. The Deputy observed the subject pull out a black handgun from his waistband. The Deputy gave several orders to drop the gun which the subject refused and continued to get his arm free. The Deputy had hold of his arm which was holding the firearm. The Deputy was losing grip on his arm and fired multiple rounds into the actor. Medics were called to assist the subject. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Deputy was unharmed. Texas Rangers were called to the scene to investigate the Officer involved shooting.