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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-899-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/10/2025 8:35 AM	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: Laura

Middle Name: Ann

Last Name: Westmoreland

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/26/1974 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/25/2025 8:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/4/2025 7:57 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:

Based upon the autopsy and evidence available, it is the opinion of Medical Examiner Dr. Lisa Barton that Luara Ann Westmoreland, a 51-year-old woman, died as a result of sepsis, due to peritonitis, due to bowel obstruction, due to fibrous adhesions from prior gastric bypass.

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?:	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:	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 - 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:	11/5/2025 8:35 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Injury Child/Elderly/Disabled w/Int Bodily Injury

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

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?: Unknown

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?: Unknown

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?:	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:

On October 25, 2025, at approximately 8:35 a.m., Laura Ann Westmoreland W/F 04/26/1974 (Decedent) was booked into Dallas County Jail by Desoto Police Department for Injury Child/Elderly/Disable W/Int Bodily Injury under warrant number F2520902.

On November 4, 2025, at approximately 6:58am, Detention Service Officers (DSO) were conducting face to face rounds when the Decedent was observed sitting on the floor, with her legs crossed, and her upper torso leaned forward. One arm was extended, resting against another inmate's bunk. DSOs entered the housing location and attempted to wake her but no avail. Parkland Jail Medical Staff was notified. Parkland Jail Medical staff arrived and began chest compressions at approximately 7:02am. 9-1-1 was called and Dallas Fire and Rescue (DFR) arrived at approximately 7:18am. DFR took over life saving measure and chest compressions. Decedent was pronounced deceased at 7:57am by Parkland Medical Hospital Dr. Lewis.

On November 5, 2025, Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy. Based upon the autopsy and evidence available, it is the opinion of Medical Examiner Dr. Lisa Barton that Luara Ann Westmoreland, a 51-year-old woman, died as a result of sepsis, due to peritonitis, due to bowel obstruction, due to fibrous adhesions from prior gastric bypass.

Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office Case Number - IFS 25-17713

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