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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-921-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/17/2025 11:46 AM	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: Robert

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Chapman

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/2/1973

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 52

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/12/2025 11:39 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/11/2025 1:52 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:

Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Disease

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:	12501 Montana Ave	City:	El Paso
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79938

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:	9/12/2025 11:39 PM

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?: 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:

Arson

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?: 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?:	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:

El Paso County Sheriff’s Office Case# 2025-14933

Date of Incident:
11-11-2025 @0050 Hours

Location:
12501 Montana Ave, El Paso County Texas 79938 (Jail Annex)

Name of Inmate:
Chapman, Robert Lee DOB 01-02-1973

In Custody for the following:
Arson-$10,000 by El Paso Fire Marshal

Investigator:
Detective Jorge Andrade
(915) 996-3455

Details:

On September 12, 2025, at approximately 2339 hours, Inmate Robert Lee Chapman was arrested by El Paso Fire Department- Fire Marshal’s Office (EPFD Case #25-255190) for Arson under a $10,000.00 bond.

Inmate Chapman was assigned to Cellblock 525 in cell 521-B at the El Paso County Jail Annex located at 12501 Montana Ave, El Paso County Texas 79938.

On November 11, 2025, at approximately 0050 hours, Detention Officers were conducting a physical floor

check. At approximately 0053 hours, Detention Officer entered Cellblock 525 and observed Inmate Chapman not responding. A medical emergency was reported over the radio, and medical personnel were activated.

Medical staff arrived at the scene and initiated CPR. The El Paso Fire Department was notified and responded. Inmate Chapman was transported to The Hospitals of Providence East Campus , located at 3280 Joe Battle Blvd, El Paso County Texas 79938, by El Paso Fire Department Rescue 37.

At 0152 hours, despite lifesaving interventions by hospital medical staff, Inmate Chapman was pronounced deceased by Dr. Ali Ahmed.

Video of officer response was captured from the cellblock camera, as well as the body cameras of the supervisors present at the scene. An investigation is currently underway, no suspicion of foul play at this time.