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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-927-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/18/2025 3:45 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Ellis County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	300 S. Jackson
Agency City:	Waxahachie	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75165		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Brad
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Norman		
Reporter Name:	wendy hammonds	Reporter Email:	wendy.hammonds@elliscounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Vince

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Espino

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/13/1983 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/13/2025 11:09 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/11/2025 2:41 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide

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?:	Decedent

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:	300 S. Jackson St.	City:	Waxahachie
County:	Ellis	Zip:	75165

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:	10/14/2025 8:08 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:

Poss CS PG1/1B < 1G DFZ IAT 481.115 HSC 481.134(D)

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:

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?:	Yes	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:

On 11/11/2025 I/M Espino was housed in trustee housing. When an officer was escorting his cell mate back to his cell I/M Espino was discovered hanging from a slipcover. He had tied the slipcover to the diamond mesh on the door side of his cell and placed the rest around his neck. The officer called for medical backup and with the assistance of other inmates removed I/M Espino from the hanging position and lowered him to the ground. Medical personnel responded promptly and began to perform life saving measures and continued to do so until EMS arrived on scene. I/M Espino was then transported to Baylor Waxahachie where he was later pronounced deceased by hospital personnel.