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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-134-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/18/2026 1:07 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Gregg County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	101 E. Methvin, Suite 559
Agency City:	Longview	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75601		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Maxey
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cerliano		
Reporter Name:	Jeff Callaway	Reporter Email:	jcallaway@greggcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Richard

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Pokorny

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/10/1957 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 68

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/17/2026 2:42 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/17/2026 3:45 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Aortic rupture and dissection due to cardiovascular disease Amy c. Gruszecki MSFS DO

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?:	Could not be determined

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:	103 West Waley	City:	LONGVIEW
County:	Gregg	Zip:	75601

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:	1/9/2026 12:21 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?:	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:

Burglary with intent to commit other felony

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: 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?: 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?: Yes

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:	N/A	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:

At about 2:42 pm on February 17, 2026, Gregg County Jail inmate Pokorny, Richard Allen (W/M 06/10/1957) had a medical emergency in the G Dorm of the North Jail facility, which resulted in an immediate response from jail staff.
Pokorny was initially speaking and complaining of chest pains to jail staff, however his condition worsened as they spoke, and he became unresponsive. Pokorny began showing serious signs of medical crisis, and he became unresponsive to verbal stimuli. On-Duty Medical staff also responded in addition to jail staff, and it was determined that Pokorny appeared to be in cardiac arrest, CPR was subsequently started. The incident began in his cell, and Pokorny was treated in his cell by GCSO staff, until Longview Fire EMS arrived and took over care. LFD continued CPR, and later transported Pokorny to Good Shepherd Medical Center Hospital, where lifesaving efforts continued.
Around 3:45 P.M., Hospital staff pronounced Pokorny dead. Hospital Staff stated that Pokorny appeared to have had a heart attack due to a condition they believed to be Cardiac Tamponade.
The Texas Rangers were notified to investigate the death, assisted by GCSO Detectives.
Pokorny was in a cell with 17 other inmates at the time of the medical emergency, and each inmate was interviewed separately regarding the incident. None of the interviewed inmates had any statements that do not coincide with Pokorny having a medical emergency. There was no sign of foul play, and Pokorny had no documented history of major medical problems, other than he reported having “seizures” at booking.
It was later found that Pokorny had initially been set up with anti-seizure medications early in his incarceration, which he had refused to take, causing them to subsequently be discontinued by medical orders.

An autopsy was completed and results showed the cause of death to be an Aortic Dissection .