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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-434-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/2/2026 11:01 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Odessa Police Dept.	Agency Address:	205 N. Grant
Agency City:	Odessa	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79761		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Mike
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Gerke		
Reporter Name:	Ryan Thompson	Reporter Email:	rthompson@odessa-tx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joseph

Middle Name: Roy

Last Name: Flanagan

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/15/1979 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/2/2026 7:07 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/2/2026 7:56 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: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Awaiting Autopsy.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	2408 Cambridge	City:	Odessa
County:	Ector	Zip:	79761

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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: Dead on arrival at 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:

Medical Call

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Brick

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	N/A	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):	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Other device, specify
Other device, specify:	RIPP restraints

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On 6/2/26 at approx. 6:48 pm, Odessa Police officers were dispatched to 2408 Cambridge for a medical call, in reference to a subject claiming he was on Meth and needing assistance. Upon arrival, officers contacted a

Josewph Flanagan inside the residence. Joseph was acting erratic and stated he had taken Meth. Joseph was allowed to open the back door and get fresh air, then ran around the side of the residence and into the street. Officers ran after Joseph on foot. While running out the side gate of the residence, Joseph picked up a brick, and as he ran into the street, Joseph raised the brick above his head with both hands and hit the window of an Odessa Police Dept marked patrol unit. Due to Joseph still holding the brick, Officer deployed the Taser, striking Joseph in the lower back and back of leg. Joseph continued to resist officers' attempts to handcuff him by pulling his arms away and stiffening his arms. Officers were able to handcuff Joseph and escort him to the back of a police unit. Joseph continued to resist sitting in the vehicle, by continuously refusing to enter the backseat of the patrol unit. Officers were able to pull Joseph up into the back seat and sit Joseph securely in the seat. Once in the seated position in the back of the patrol unit, Joseph became unresponsive. Medics were already on scene, and Joseph was removed from the patrol unit, and handed off to the care of the medics. Joseph was transported by ambulance to Medical Center Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased