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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-460-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/10/2026 11:13 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: Dearl

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Smith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/23/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/25/2026 7:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/2/2026 4:41 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death:	Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending Autopsy Results

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Pending Autopsy Results

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 - 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:	4/25/2026 8:20 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?: 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:

Indecent Exposure MB

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Indecent Exposure

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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:	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 April 25, 2026, at approximately 7:00 am, Dearl Lee Smith B/M 06/23/1980 BNO# 26019068(Decedent) was booked into Dallas County Sheriff's Office Lew Sterrett Detention Center located at 111 W. Commerce Street, Dallas County, Texas 75207, by the City of Dallas Police Department on charges of Indecent Exposure under warrant numbers M2655058, M2655066D, and M2655067.

On June 2, 2026, at approximately 4:45am, Dallas County Sheriff Office Jail Detention Service Officer was distributing breakfast when the Decedent was observed laying on the floor unresponsive in his single cell, located in the North Tower Gill Hernandez Medical Operations area 04 Cell A. Jail Detention Staff radioed for medical staff. Parkland Jail Health Staff were notified and responded to the cell. At approximately 4:55am, Parkland Jail Medical Staff began chest compressions. Acadian Unit #4680 arrived at approximately 5:07am. Dallas Fire and Rescue (DFR) arrived at approximately 5:21am and began life-saving measures. The Decedent was pronounced deceased at 5:41am, by DFR Captain Danny Miller. DFR transported the Decedent to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office located at 2355 N. Stemmons Fwy Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75207. An autopsy was conducted; results are pending.

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