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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-541-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/16/2026 9:54 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Johnson County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1102 E. Kilpatrick
Agency City:	Cleburne	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76031		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Adam
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	King		
Reporter Name:	David Blankenship	Reporter Email:	dblankenship@johnsoncountytx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Steven

Middle Name: Charles

Last Name: Lenard

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/31/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/15/2026 1:31 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/15/2026 2:12 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Waiting for Autopsy results for official results

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:	1800 Ridgemar Dr	City:	Cleburne
County:	Johnson	Zip:	76031

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:	12/23/2025 3:57 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:

Continuous Sexual Abuse of a young Child

Offense 2:

Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child

Offense 3:

Prohibited Sexual Conduct with a ancestor/descendant

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?:	Unknown	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 July 15, 2026, at approximately 0131 hours, an ICS was initiated in Blue East cell #312 for inmate Lenard, Steven Charles #202503611. Corrections Officer (CO)Jeffery Hapes was doing his cell checks when he found inmate Lenard hanging from the bars of his cell door by his bed mate cover and was unresponsive. CO Hapes removed the mate cover from inmate Lenard's neck, and he was placed on the floor to initiate CPR. EMS was requested at 0133 hours and arrived at 0141 hours and took over live CPR. EMS continued life saving measures but were unable to revive inmate Lenard. Time of death was called at 0212 hours. Texas Rangers have been notified and will conduct their investigation.