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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-573-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/30/2026 10:51 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Williamson County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	508 S. Rock Street
Agency City:	Georgetown	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78626		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Matthew
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Lindemann		
Reporter Name:	Jason Braeutigam	Reporter Email:	jason.braeutigam@wilco.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Brandy

Middle Name: Christine

Last Name: Steele

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/8/1987 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/28/2026 11:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/28/2026 12:09 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)

Pending autopsy

Manner of Death: results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending

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?: 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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	306 w. 4th Street	City:	Georgetown
County:	Williamson	Zip:	78626

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:	1/15/2026 3:37 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:

Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity

Offense 2:

Possession of controlled substance penalty group 1, more than 4 less than 200

Offense 3:

Prohibited substance in correctional facility

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug 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?:	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 January 15, 2026, at 3:37 PM, Brandy Steele was arrested by the Cedar Park Police Department and booked into the Williamson County Jail for the following charges:
Engaging in organized criminal activity
Possession of controlled substance (Travis County Warrant)
Prohibited substance in correctional facility (Travis County Warrant)

On July 28, 2026, Ms. Steele was housed in an eight-person pod within the Williamson County Jail, along with five other inmates. At approximately 11:35 AM, inmates and correctional staff in and around the pod heard a noise consistent with a fall. Upon checking the bathroom located inside the pod, Ms. Steele was found alone and unresponsive on the floor. Williamson County Corrections Officers and medical personnel responded immediately and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Georgetown Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived shortly thereafter and assumed medical care. Despite all life-saving efforts, Ms. Steele was pronounced deceased at 12:09 PM.

Williamson County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace, KT Musselman, was notified and ordered an autopsy. Travis County Medical Examiner's Office was used for this examination and was performed by Dr. Leisha E. Wood MD on July 29, 2026, at 09:15 AM.

The Texas Rangers were notified, and the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office is aiding Rangers Veronica Gideon and Victor Bibilonisambolin in their independent investigation.

Final autopsy results.
Cause of death: Pending
Manner of death: Pending