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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-720-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/11/2026 4:00 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:	Mark North	Reporter Email:	mnorth@greggcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joseph

Middle Name: David

Last Name: Harrison

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/3/2004 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 22

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/2/2026 1:48 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/2/2026 1:48 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

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

Manner of Death: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Blunt force trauma from motorcycle accident

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?:	Vehicle-involved death

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:	Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	Highway 80 and loop 281	City:	Longview
County:	Harrison	Zip:	75602

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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: Scene of incident

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:

Evading Arrest/Detention with a Vehicle F/3

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Traffic 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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?:	N/A
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:	Yes
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 September 1, 2026, Deputies with the Gregg County Sheriff's Office attempted to stop a motorcycle for the traffic offense of speeding (75 mph in a posted 50 mph zone). The motorcycle began to speed away, fleeing at a high rate of speed. The pursuit last approximately 13 minutes with the motorcycle running red lights and stop signs along the way, changing directions multiple times, and ultimately colliding with another law enforcement agency's vehicle, from the rear. The driver of the motorcycle was ejected from the top of his vehicle, hitting the pavement of the roadway and was ultimately pronounced deceased at the scene.