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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-750-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/23/2026 1:07 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Tarrant County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 Taylor St., Plaza Bldg. 7th Floor
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76196		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Waybourn		
Reporter Name:	William Phariss	Reporter Email:	wtphariss@tarrantcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gemma

Middle Name: Leigh

Last Name: Swingle

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/18/1990

Sex: Female

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/25/2026 1:20 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/29/2026 2:19 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)

Pending autopsy

Manner of Death: 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: No

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: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	100 N Lamar St	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76196

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:	8/25/2026 1:20 AM

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:

TAMPER W/GOVERN RECORD LIC/SEAL DEFRAUD/HARM IAT

Offense 2:

ESCAPE WHILE ARRESTED/CONFINED FELONY

Offense 3:

FORGERY OBTAIN PROP OR SERV >=$2500<$30K IAT

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; Crime Against Property

Type of Offense, Other:

All other offenses (Escape)

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?:	No	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 08/29/2026, during a face-to-face inmate observation, jail staff observed Inmate Swingle, Gemma in possible medical distress. At approximately 01:41am, a medical code was called and life saving measures were initiated by jail staff. Medical staff, along with additional jail staff, responded and continued life saving measures until EMS arrived. EMS staff assessed the inmate's condition and continued life saving measures. Inmate Swingle was later pronounced deceased at the Tarrant County Corrections Center at 2:19am on 08/29/2026 by EMS staff.