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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-752-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/23/2026 3:06 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Castro County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	900 E. Bedford
Agency City:	Dimmitt	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79027		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Salvador
Director Middle Name:	S.		
Director Last Name:	Rivera		
Reporter Name:	Salvador Rivera	Reporter Email:	srivera@castrocounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Steven

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rivera

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/24/1958 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 67

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/29/2026 11:04 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/21/2026 2:48 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)

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Patient experienced blocked arteries and potential pneumonia, suspected heart disease and failure thrive cause malnutrition.

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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:	1600 Wallace Blvd	City:	Amarillo
County:	Potter	Zip:	79106

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

BSA Hospital

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 8/29/2026 11:04 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Medical facility

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:

Fail to Comply Sex Offender Duty to Register Life/Annual

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:

Failure to Comply Sex Offender Duty to Register Life/Annual

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(Friday) at 11:04 a.m. Steven Rivera was arrested by the Dimmitt Police Department for Failure to Comply Sex Offender to Register Life/Annual and was booked into the Castro County Jail. Upon intake at the jail, Jail personnel did not observe that Rivera had any medical conditions. Rivera did use a cane and was placed in a single cell due to the cane which he needed to walk. During Rivera's stay in Jail, he did not ask for medical treatment. On September 7, 2026(Monday) Jail personnel observed that Rivera was needing medical attention and the ambulance was called to the Jail. Rivera was transported to the Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, Texas at approximately 8:01 p.m. Castro County Justice of the Peace Mary Ewing ordered a PR Bond for Rivera due to his medical condition. Rivera was not able to sign the PR Bond due to being unresponsive. Rivera was transferred to BSA Hospital in Amarillo, Texas on September 7, 2026.

On 09/21/2026(Monday) at approximately 3:58 p.m. Castro County Sheriff's Office dispatch was notified that Potter County Justice of the Peace Gary Jackson was calling to notify the Sheriff that Rivera had passed away at 2:48 p.m. and that he was considering it an In-Custody Death. Texas Ranger Max Honesto who is attached to Company C in Amarillo, Texas was contacted to conduct the investigation for the Castro County Sheriff's Office. The Texas Commission on Jail Standards was also contacted as required by law. Ranger Honesto asked that a Deputy attend the autopsy for Rivera which was conducted on 09/23/2026(Wednesday) at the Texas Panhandle Forensics in Lubbock, Texas. Autopsy results are pending.