KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-776-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	10/1/2026 10:51 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hays County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	810 South Stagecoach Trail
Agency City:	San Marcos	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78666		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Anthony
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hipolito		
Reporter Name:	Jimmy Schroeder	Reporter Email:	jimmy.schroeder@hayscountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kenneth

Middle Name: Michael

Last Name: Jenkins

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/18/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/1/2026 3:39 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/16/2026 4:06 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 are available

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

Could not be

Manner of Death: determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Small Intestinal Obstruction, due to:
Abdominal Adhesion of Unknown Etiology

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1307 Uhland Road	City:	San Marcos
County:	Hays	Zip:	78666

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:	3/1/2026 3:39 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:

Decedent was incarcerated for Assault

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: Violent Crime Against Persons

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?: 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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	N/A	arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 August 16, 2026, at approximately 0328 hours, corrections staff assigned to the Hays County Jail entered ISO 4 of the Medical Housing Unit and located Inmate Kenneth Jenkins unresponsive in his bunk. Corrections and medical staff immediately initiated emergency response procedures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel arrived and assumed medical treatment. Despite resuscitative efforts, treatment was discontinued at approximately 0406 hours, and Jenkins was pronounced deceased. At the time of the incident, Jenkins was housed in the Medical Housing Unit due to his need for assistance with routine activities, including showering and dressing. Corrections Officers assigned to the unit were responsible for conducting and documenting status checks, commonly referred to as “pipe checks,” at approximately twelve-minute intervals. Hays County SO CID and Texas Rangers were called to the scene and conducted a death investigation. It was confirmed that required status checks had been completed by corrections officer prior to Jenkin's death, with the last check, prior to finding Jenkins unresponsive, conducted at 3:12 AM on this same date.

Jenkins had last been seen by jail medical staff on the previous date (08/15/2026) with a notation on medical records that Jenkins had refused any treatment. Jenkins suffered from schizophrenia and was non-verbal. In October 2025 Jenkins had been diagnosed with "Adult Failure to Thrive". Jenkins was routinely provided liquid nutritional supplements by medical staff while incarcerated.

An autopsy was conducted on 08/18/2026 by Dr. Ana Lopez with Hill Country Forensics. Dr. Lopez determined the cause of death to be small intestinal obstruction due abdominal adhesion of unknown etiology. The manner of death was ruled as undetermined.