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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	10/9/2026 4:58 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Address:	PO BOX 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78773		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Director	Director First Name:	Freeman
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Martin		
Reporter Name:	Melinda Grieves	Reporter Email:	melinda.grieves@dps.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jaiden

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/11/2011 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 15

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/27/2026 4:25 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/27/2026 5:30 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)

Manner of Death: Accidental

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?:	Law enforcement/correctional personnel

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:	SH 31 East (unincorporated)	City:	Tyler
County:	Smith	Zip:	75705

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: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

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:

Attempted Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Offense 3:

Evading Arrest or Detention w/Motor Vehicle

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:	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:	Yes, mark all that apply
Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details:	Discharged firearm

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

Law enforcement officers responded to a shooting incident involving multiple shooters and victims. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 2009 Nissan Maxima fleeing the scene. Witnesses identified the Maxima's four occupants as the shooters. Officers attempted to stop the Maxima, but it fled. Based on the driver’s hazardous driving behavior and other information known at the time, an officer executed a Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) maneuver. The PIT maneuver redirected the Maxima causing the driver to over-steer to the right. The Maxima left the roadway and struck a tree. Three occupants were pronounced dead at the scene. One occupant was transported to a local area hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.