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Reference: In-Custody Death

On Monday, June 15, 2026, a 40-year-old male inmate at the Tarrant County Jail was in his cell when his cellmate observed him to be experiencing a medical emergency. Life-saving measures were initiated by jail personnel and continued once jail medical personnel from John Peter Smith Hospital arrived. The inmate was transported to JPS Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

The inmate was initially taken into custody by the River Oaks Police Department on a charge of Violating a Bond or Protective Order and was booked into the Tarrant County Jail on June 14, 2026. During the standard medical screening of all inmates conducted upon booking, the inmate refused to cooperate or consent to a medical assessment. Jail personnel cannot force an individual to provide medical history or comply with a medical evaluation.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office will determine his cause of death and release his identity.

All in-custody deaths are investigated and reviewed by Tarrant County Sheriff's Office jail staff, the TCSO Criminal Investigations Division, the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, an outside law enforcement agency, JPS medical staff, the Texas Attorney General's Office and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

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