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Reference: In-Custody Death Reporting Error

On March 11, 2025 the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office was notified that a Custodial Death Report had not been properly filed with the Attorney General's Office as required by law when an in-custody death occurs.

Upon researching this, it was determined that on February 21, 2025, a Supervisor was entering the in-custody death report for inmates Kimberly Phillips and Charles Stephen Johnson. The report for inmate Phillips was successfully submitted, however the report for inmate Johnson was not. The Supervisor was not aware that only one report was successfully transmitted.

As soon as it was brought to our attention on March 11, 2025, the proper paperwork was filed immediately.

Despite the clerical error, the appropriate protocols were followed including notifying the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and asking the Texas Rangers to open an independent investigation.

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