



PRESS RELEASE

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Reference: In-custody death of an inmate.

On Saturday, February 8, 2025 a 36-year-old inmate in the Tarrant County Jail passed away at John Peter Smith Hospital following complications from an attempted suicide.

The inmate was booked into the Tarrant County Jail on February 4, 2025 on a parole violation out of Palo Pinto County for multiple sexual assault convictions as well as failing to register as a violent sex offender.

During the booking/intake process, the inmate was administered a Screening Form for Suicide and Medical/Mental/Developmental Impairments as required by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and the Sandra Bland Act. TCSO Detention Officers identified behavioral concerns and the inmate was referred to Tarrant County MHMR for further assessment. The inmate was screened and cleared by MHMR and assigned housing per minimum jail standards.

Per protocol, on February 6, 2025, the inmate was once again screened by a mental health provider. It was noted that the inmate did not display any suicidal ideations and was cleared to remain in general population housing.

Subsequently, on February 6, 2025 after being cleared by MHMR, the inmate was found unresponsive in his cell by his cellmate. Within seconds, detention officers and JPS Medical staff immediately began administering life-saving treatment. The inmate was taken to JPS Hospital where despite their efforts, the inmate passed away a couple days later. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner will release the inmate's name and cause of death.

In 2024, TCSO Detention Officers intervened and prevented 390 suicide attempts. So far in 2025, TCSO Detention Officers have intervened in 24 suicide attempts in the Tarrant County Jail.

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

All media requests on this case should be directed to the Texas Rangers as they are the lead investigating agency.

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