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**Reference: In-Custody Death at John Peter Smith Hospital**

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, a 56-year-old inmate passed away while under medical care at John Peter Smith Hospital.

The inmate was arrested by Grand Prairie PD on January 24, 2025 for outstanding felony warrants for Injury to Child/Elderly/Disable Bodily Injury and Obstruction / Retaliation. They were transported to Tarrant County Jail the following day. The inmate was placed in medical housing under medical observation, where there is access to 24/7 medical care.

On February 15, 2025, the inmate was transported to JPS and passed away on February 18th under the direct care of medical staff.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner will release the inmate's name and cause of death.

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, JPS Medical Staff, The Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office and the Texas Attorney General's Office.

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