Harris County Medical Examiner Report

The following information was received from the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences on March 23, 2026.

CANDID ID: TX_25_5071

Case Number: ML25-0945

Decedent Name: James Dean

Date of Birth: 1/4/2018

Date of Death: 3/1/2025

Age: 7 years

Gender: Male

Cause of Death: Infectious complications of open reductions of the bilateral hips for the treatment of bilateral neuromuscular hip dislocations complicating remote hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy and intracranial hemorrhage of unknown etiology

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Synopsis: Hospital death of a 7yo WM with history of TBI, mixed cerebral palsy, seizures, developmental delay, and failure to thrive who developed sepsis and organ failure following surgery ~23 days after admission. Death was not reported to HCIFS by the hospital, he was released to the funeral home and was prompted by MCSO Homicide who was following up on a CPS case from traumatic injuries when the decedent was an infant. Decedent has been embalmed.