

Statement by District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler to The Frontier on the investigation into Elliott Williams' death:

"I can say that TCSO had OSBI investigate and that based upon the investigation there were no criminal charges presented. That, however does not eliminate the horrible circumstances which lead to Mr. Williams' death.

Just like in the Bates case, there is a separation in my office regarding criminal and civil issues. We provide advice to county officers as required by statute – not to individual employees. In this case, the medical treatment provider was a corporation contracted with the jail to provide what obviously were failed treatment and services.

It is my understanding that entity settled with the victim's family. It is my understanding that the Justice Department was contacted about potential civil rights violations, and that the pursuit of those violations were declined.

Horrific things happen that do not always result in criminal charges – but there are civil remedies available. My sympathies are with Mr. Williams' family for their loss."