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"She was in the cell alone and was using the bathroom and just fell over," Maj. Dustin Reynolds said Thursday. "When the paramedics arrived she was deceased," Reynolds added.

Webster Sheriff Gary Sexton says her body has been sent to Little Rock, Ark. for an autopsy.

Reynolds, who went to the scene Wednesday night said Eason had an array of medical problems and as a result was on multiple medications.

"Our guards actually saw her fall off the toilet on the camera and responded immediately," Reynolds said.

Eason had been housed at the jail for just over a month as she was awaiting extradition to face charges in Texas for a probation warrant.

She was arrested in June on one count of arson with intent to defraud. That charge is in connection with a June 10 fire at a house she occupied as a renter in the 400 block of SE Fourth Street in nearby Springhill, La.

During an investigation into the fire, State Fire Marshal deputies determined it was intentionally set with multiple areas of origin. It was at that time investigators also learned that Eason had an outstanding probation violation warrant out of Texas.