

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

MICHAEL AMOS, *ET AL.*

PLAINTIFFS

V.

CASE NO. 4:20-CV-007-DMB-JMV

TOMMY TAYLOR, *ET AL.*

DEFENDANTS

**PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED SECOND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND
AND TO SET BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Plaintiffs, by and through counsel, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, and file this Unopposed Second Motion for Leave to Amend and To Set Briefing Schedule ("Second Motion to Amend"). In support, Plaintiffs would show:

1. The instant Motion seeks leave of court to amend and supplement a second time the Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice [Dkt. # 56] and to set a briefing schedule related to same. Defendants do not oppose the instant Motion. Moreover, Defendants agree to the briefing schedule proposed herein. However, Defendants maintain their opposition on the merits to the Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice and the substance of any amendments thereto.

2. On March 9, 2020, Plaintiffs filed their Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice [Dkt. 56]. The Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice seeks judicial notice of MDOC inmate deaths in the State of Mississippi since December 29, 2019: Terrandance Dobbins, Walter Earl Gates, Gregory Emary, Roosevelt Holliman, Denorris Howell, A.D. Mills, Gabriel Carmen, Timothy Hudspeth, James Talley, Thomas Lee, Jermaine Tyler, Joshua Norman, Limarion Reaves, Nora Ducksworth, Jesus Garcia, James Allen Brown, Bobby Michael James,¹ Bobby Lewis Vance, David Lee May, Omar Beard, Paul Joseph Capps, Timothy Sharp, Grayland Cox, Patricia Wilhite, Lee R. Clemmer Jr., and Willie C. Booker.

¹ Plaintiffs have become aware that inmate Bobby Michael James was not a MDOC inmate, and therefore he has been removed from the list of deaths in the amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice.

3. On March 9, 2020, shortly after the Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice was filed, Plaintiffs became aware that David W. Parvin, another MDOC inmate, had died.

4. On March 11, 2020, Plaintiffs filed their Motion to Amend and Supplement Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice [Dkt. # 58], in order to include evidence of the death of David W. Parvin, who died on March 9, 2020, and MDOC's response.

5. Since March 11, 2020, three additional MDOC inmates have died in Mississippi. Therefore, Plaintiffs seek further leave to amend and supplement their Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice [Dkt. # 56] to include evidence of the deaths of Michael Robertson, Lamar Kitchens, and Troy Michael Daughtery, who died on March 12, 19, and 21, 2020, respectively, and MDOC's response.

6. Plaintiffs' Amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice, and accompanying Memorandum of Authorities in Support of Plaintiffs' Amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice, both of which Plaintiffs herein seek leave to file, are attached hereto collectively. [Ex. A].

7. The parties request that Defendants be allowed fourteen (14) days to file a response to the Amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice, once filed, with an additional five (5) days for Plaintiffs to reply, if necessary.

8. The Plaintiffs make these requests in good faith and for reasons of judicial economy, and not for purposes of undue delay.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs respectfully request leave to file their Amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice [Ex. A], with its accompanying Memorandum and Exhibits, and that Defendants be afforded fourteen (14) days to respond and Plaintiffs five (5) days to reply. Further, Plaintiffs request all other relief the Court may deem appropriate.

Date: March 23, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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PLAINTIFFS' SECOND AMENDED OPPOSED MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

COME NOW Plaintiffs, by and through counsel, pursuant to Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal R. Evid. 201, and file their Second Amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice. In support, Plaintiffs would show:

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¹ Plaintiffs have become aware that inmate Bobby Michael James was not a MDOC inmate, and therefore he has been removed from the list of deaths for which Plaintiffs are requesting judicial notice.

5. Since March 11, 2020, three additional MDOC inmates have died in Mississippi. Michael Robertson, Lamar Kitchens, and Troy Michael Daughtery died on March 12, 19, and 21, 2020, respectively.

6. Plaintiffs now seek leave of Court to amend and supplement their Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice [Dkt. # 56] to include evidence of, and MDOC responses to, the deaths of Michael Robertson, Lamar Kitchens, and Troy Michael Daughtery, who died on March 12, 19, and 21, 2020, respectively.

7. Plaintiffs also request that Defendants be allowed fourteen (14) days to file a response to the Second Amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice, with an additional five (5) days for Plaintiffs to reply, if necessary. Defendants agree with this proposed briefing schedule.

8. Plaintiffs make these requests in good faith and for reasons of judicial economy, and not for purposes of undue delay.

9. Plaintiffs respectfully submit that justice requires that they be permitted to amend and supplement their Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice to include such additional transactions and occurrences pursuant to Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

10. In support of their Proposed Motion to Amend, Plaintiffs submit their Memorandum of Law, which is filed concurrently.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant their Second Amended Opposed Motion for Judicial Notice and take judicial notice of the death of twenty-nine MDOC inmates since December 29, 2020. Plaintiffs also respectfully request that the Court enter the proposed briefing schedule requested herein, which is agreed to by Defendants. Finally, Plaintiffs request all further relief the Court may deem appropriate.

This the 23rd day of March 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
SECOND AMENDED OPPOSED MOTION FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE

In support of their Motion, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court take judicial notice of the following facts, as supported by the exhibits, attached to the Motion, and hereto:

- On December 29, 2019, according to the Mississippi Department of Corrections (“MDOC”), **Terrandance Dobbins** was killed at South Mississippi Correctional Institution in a “major disturbance.”¹
- On January 1, 2020, **Walter Earl Gates** was killed at Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. According to the Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton, Walker died of multiple stab wounds.²
- On January 2, 2020, according to Chickasaw County Sheriff Jim Meyers, **Gregory Emary** was killed in a fight at Chickasaw County Regional Correctional Facility.³

¹ See Exhibit A to Plaintiffs’ Motion, Alissa Zhu and Lici Beveridge, *Inmates Killed during Mississippi’s Prison Violence: Who are they?* CLARION LEDGER (January 3, 2020), <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/local/2020/01/03/parchman-riot-ms-prison-violence-who-are-inmates-killed/2803405001/>.

² See Exhibit B to Plaintiffs’ Motion, Jimmie E. Gates, *Report: 1 Inmate Dead, Others Injured in Fight at the Mississippi State Penitentiary*, CLARION LEDGER (January 1, 2020), <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/politics/2020/01/01/one-inmate-dead-and-several-injured-in-fight-at-parchman/2790702001/>.

³ See Exhibit C to Plaintiffs’ Motion, WTVA Staff, *Sheriff: One Dead, Two Injured after Fight at Chickasaw Regional Correctional Facility*, WTVA (January 2, 2020), <https://www.wtva.com/content/news/Sheriff-one-dead-after-fight-at-Chickasaw-Regional-Correctional-Facility-566644661.html>.

- On January 2, 2020, **Roosevelt Holliman** was killed at Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. According to Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton, Roosevelt was stabbed to death in a “gang fight.”⁴
- On January 3, 2020, **Denorris Howell** was killed at Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. According to Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton, Denorris died from neck injuries after fight with cellmate.⁵
- On January 8, 2020, Parchman inmate **A.D. Mills** died at Merit Health Clarksdale Hospital. Alleged by Coahoma County Coroner Scotty Meredith, A.D. died of undefined “natural causes.”⁶
- On January 18, 2020, **Gabriel Carmen** was found dead at Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. Alleged by the MDOC, Gabriel’s cause of death was a suicide in an apparent hanging.⁷
- On January 20, 2020, **Timothy Hudspeth** was killed at Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. According to the MDOC, Timothy died of blunt force beating injuries after fight with other inmates.⁸
- On January 20, 2020, **James Talley** was killed at Mississippi State Penitentiary at

⁴ See Exhibit A to Plaintiffs’ Motion.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See Exhibit D to Plaintiffs’ Motion, Alissa Zhu, *Parchman Inmate Dies of Natural Causes at Hospital, Coroner Says*, CLARION LEDGER (January 8, 2020), <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2020/01/08/another-parchman-inmate-dies-coroner-confirms-mississippi/2846187001/>.

⁷ See Exhibit E to Plaintiffs’ Motion, Alissa Zhu, *Parchman Death: Inmate Found Hanging in Cell, Coroner Says*, CLARION LEDGER (January 19, 2020), <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2020/01/19/parchman-death-inmate-found-hanging-cell-coroner-says/4520805002/>.

⁸ See Exhibit F to Plaintiffs’ Motion, MISS. DEP’T CORRS., *Investigation Underway into 2 Deaths at Parchman*, Press Release (January 21, 2020), <https://www.mdocr.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Investigation%20Underway%20into%20Two%20Deaths%20at%20Parchman.pdf>.

Parchman. According to the MDOC, James died of blunt force beating injuries after fight with other inmates.⁹

- On January 22, 2020, **Thomas Lee** was found dead at Mississippi State Penitentiary. Alleged by the MDOC, Thomas's cause of death was an apparent suicide via hanging.¹⁰
- On January 25, 2020, **Jermaine Tyler** was found dead at Marshall County Correctional Facility. Alleged by the Management and Training Corporation ("MTC"), the private company that runs the prison, Jermaine was found unresponsive and there were no apparent signs of foul play.¹¹
- On January 26, 2020, **Joshua Norman** was found dead at Mississippi State Penitentiary. Alleged by the MDOC, Norman's cause of death was an apparent suicide via hanging.¹²
- On January 28, 2020, **Limarion Reaves** collapsed and died at Kemper-Neshoba Regional Correctional Facility. According to the MDOC, Limarion's cause of death is undetermined pending an autopsy report conducted by the State of Mississippi.¹³
- On January 30, 2020, **Nora Ducksworth** died at Marshall County Correctional Facility.

⁹ See Exhibit G to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Second Inmate Killed at Parchman Identified*, Press Release (January 21, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Second%20Inmate%20Killed%20at%20Parchman%20Identified.pdf>.

¹⁰ See Exhibit H to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate Found Dead Wednesday Morning at Parchman Identified*, Press Release (January 22, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Parchman%20Inmate%20Found%20Dead%20Wednesday%20Morning%20Identified.pdf>.

¹¹ See Exhibit I to Plaintiffs' Motion, Alissa Zhu, *Mississippi Inmate Dies at Marshall County Correctional Facility*, CLARION LEDGER (January 26, 2020), <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2020/01/26/inmate-dies-marshall-county-correctional-facility-coroner-confirms/4582089002/>.

¹² See Exhibit J to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate Found Dead Sunday Morning in a Cell at Parchman*, Press Release (January 26, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Found%20Dead%20Sunday%20Morning%20at%20Parchman.pdf>; See also [ECF No. 16].

¹³ See Exhibit K to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *State Inmate Collapses and Dies at Kemper-Neshoba Regional Facility*, Press Release (January 28, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Collapses%20and%20Dies%20at%20Kemper-Neshoba%20RF.pdf>.

Alleged by the MTC, Nora's cause of death was apparent natural causes with no foul play suspected.¹⁴

- On February 2, 2020, **Jesus Garcia** was found dead at Wilkinson County Correctional Facility. Alleged by the MTC, Jesus was found unresponsive in a cell, with no signs of assault.¹⁵
- On February 10, 2020, **James Allen Brown** died at the hospital at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. Alleged by the MDOC, no foul play was suspected, with an autopsy conducted by the State of Mississippi pending.¹⁶
- On February 15, 2020, Central Mississippi Correctional Inmate, **Bobby Lewis Vance**, died at Merit Health Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Alleged by the MDOC, no foul play was suspected, with an autopsy conducted by the State of Mississippi pending.¹⁷
- On February 16, 2020, **David Lee May** was found dead at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. Alleged by the MDOC, no signs of injury to the body were recorded, with an autopsy conducted by the State of Mississippi pending.¹⁸
- On February 27, 2020, alleged by the MDOC, Central Mississippi Correctional inmate,

¹⁴ See Exhibit I to Plaintiffs' Motion.

¹⁵ See Exhibit L to Plaintiffs' Motion, Lici Beveridge, *Mississippi Prison Crisis: 15th State Inmate Dies, Cause Under Investigation*, CLARION LEDGER (February 2, 2020), <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/local/2020/02/02/15th-mississippi-inmate-dies-cause-under-investigation/4641461002/>.

¹⁶ See Exhibit M to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate who Died this Afternoon in Prison Hospital Identified*, Press Release (February 10, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Who%20Died%20in%20Prison%20Hospital%20Identified.pdf>.

¹⁷ See Exhibit O to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate Serving 25 Years for Two Armed Robberies in Copiah County Dies*, Press Release (February 15, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/CMCF%20Inmate%20Serving%2025%20Years%20Dies%20at%20Hospital.pdf>.

¹⁸ See Exhibit P to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate Dies at Rankin County Prison*, Press Release (February 16, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Dies%20at%20Rankin%20County%20Prison.pdf>.

Omar Beard, died at Merit Health Rankin of undetermined “natural causes.”¹⁹

- On February 28, 2020, two inmates, **Paul Joseph Capps and Timothy Sharp**, died in the hospital at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. Alleged by the MDOC, both deaths were due to undetermined natural causes, with an autopsy conducted by the State of Mississippi pending.²⁰
- On March 2, 2020, **Grayland Cox**, who was serving a six-year sentence with an enhanced penalty for selling cocaine, died at Merit Health Central Jackson. Cox was incarcerated at Marshall County Correctional Facility. According to the MDOC, no foul play is suspected.²¹
- On March 2, 2020, **Patricia Wilhite** died at Baptist Memorial Center in Jackson. She was an inmate at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County. According to the MDOC, no foul play is suspected in her death, but the official cause will be determined by autopsy.²²
- On March 4, 2020, **Lee R. Clemmer Jr.**, who was serving eight years for two drug convictions, died in Unit 42 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. According to the MDOC, no foul play is suspected as Clemmer was being treated for a terminal

¹⁹ See Exhibit Q to Plaintiffs’ Motion, MISS. DEP’T OF CORR., *Prisoner Serving 20 Years for Manslaughter Dies*, Press Release (February 26, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Prisoner%20Serving%2020%20Years%20for%20Manslaughter%20Dies.pdf>.

²⁰ See Exhibit R to Plaintiffs’ Motion, MISS. DEP’T OF CORR., *Two Inmates Die in Prison Hospital this Week*, Press Release (February 28, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Two%20Inmates%20Die%20in%20Prison%20Hospital%20This%20Week.pdf>.

²¹ See Exhibit S to Plaintiffs’ Motion, MISS. DEP’T OF CORR., *Inmate Serving Six Years Dies at Local Hospital*, Press Release (March 3, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Serving%206%20Years%20Dies%20at%20Local%20Hospital.pdf>.

²² See Exhibit T to Plaintiffs’ Motion, MISS. DEP’T OF CORR., *Inmate Serving Life for Murder Dies at Local Hospital*, Press Release (March 2, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Serving%20Life%20for%20Murder%20Dies%20at%20Hospital.pdf>.

disease.²³

- On March 7, 2020, Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman Inmate, **Willie C. Booker**, died at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Mississippi. According to the MDOC, foul play is not suspected and the cause and manner of death are pending the results of an autopsy.²⁴
- On March 9, 2020, **David W. Parvin** died at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. According to the MDOC, foul play was not suspected in the inmate's death. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death.²⁵²⁶
- On March 12, 2020, **Michael Robertson** died at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. According to the MDOC, Robertson was allegedly found unconscious in his cell in Unit 30 during the afternoon count. An autopsy will determine the cause and official manner of death.²⁷²⁸
- On March 19, 2020, **Lamar Kitchens** died at the hospital at the Mississippi State

²³ See Exhibit U to Plaintiffs' Motion MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Identify Released of Inmate who Died in Prison Hospital*, Press Release (March 5, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Identity%20Released%20in%20Latest%20Inmate%20Death%20at%20Parchman.pdf>.

²⁴ See Exhibit V to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate Who Died in Oxford Hospital Identified*, Press Release (March 9, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Who%20Died%20in%20Oxford%20Hospital%20Identified.pdf>.

²⁵ See Exhibit W to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate Who Died at Rankin County Prison Monday Evening Identified*, Press Release (March 10, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/CMCF%20Inmate%20Who%20Died%20Monday%20Evening%20Identified.pdf>.

²⁶ See Exhibit X to Plaintiffs' Motion, WJTV, *MDOC Identifies 80-Year-Old Inmate Who Died at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility*, WJTV (March 10, 2020), <https://www.wjtv.com/news/mdoc-identifies-80-year-old-inmate-who-died-at-central-mississippi-correctional-facility/>.

²⁷ See Exhibit X to Plaintiffs' Motion, MISS. DEP'T OF CORR., *Inmate Found Unresponsive at MSP*, Press Release (March 12, 2020), <https://www.mdod.ms.gov/News/PressReleases/Inmate%20Found%20Unresponsive%20at%20MSP.pdf>.

²⁸ See Exhibit Y to Plaintiffs' Motion, China Lee, *42-Year-Old Inmate Identified after Being Found Unresponsive at Parchman*, WLBT (March 12, 2020), <https://www.wlbt.com/2020/03/12/coroner-year-old-inmate-found-unresponsive-parchman/>.

Penitentiary at Parchman. According to the MDOC, no foul play is suspected in his death.

An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death.²⁹

- On March 21, 2020, **Try Michael Daughtery** died at South Mississippi Correctional Institution. According to the MDOC, Daughtery was allegedly found unconscious in his bed that evening, foul play was not suspected in the inmate's death. An autopsy will determine the cause and official manner of death.³⁰
- **Daughtery's** death marks the **twenty-ninth** death of an MDOC inmate in Mississippi prisons since December 29, 2019.

"A judicially noticed fact must be one not subject to reasonable dispute in that it is either (1) generally known within the territorial jurisdiction of the trial court or (2) capable of accurate and ready determination by resort to sources whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned."³¹ Fed. R. Evid. 201(b).

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant their motion and take judicial notice of the death of the MDOC inmates listed herein, with the latest death on March 21, 2020 marking the twenty-ninth MDOC inmate death in Mississippi prisons since December 29, 2019, and for such further relief that the Court deems proper in the circumstances.

²⁹ See Exhibit Z to Plaintiffs' Motion, ShaCamree Gowdy, *Inmate Serving 30 Years for Assault Dies in Parchman Hospital*, WLBT (March 19, 2020), <https://www.wlbt.com/2020/03/19/inmate-serving-years-assault-dies-parchman-hospital/>.

³⁰ See Exhibit AA to Plaintiff's Motion, Sarah Fowler, *MDOC: Inmate Dies at South Mississippi Correctional Institution, No Foul Play Suspected*, Clarion Ledger (March 22, 2020), <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2020/03/22/mississippi-prison-deaths-inmate-dies-corrections-leakesville-no-foul-play-coroner-jail-cpr/2894582001/>.

³¹ *Funk v. Stryker Corp.*, 631 F.3d 777, 783 (5th Cir. 2011) *citing* Fed. R. Evid. 201(b).

This the 23rd day of March 2020.

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EXHIBIT A

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Inmates killed during Mississippi's prison violence: Who are they?

Alissa Zhu and Lici Beveridge, Mississippi Clarion Ledger

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Cellphone video taken from inside Parchman shows multiple police units on scene at the facility.
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Inmates are dying while Mississippi prisons are on lockdown.

Within less than a week, five inmates have been killed at South Mississippi Correctional Institution, Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman and the Chickasaw County Regional Correctional Facility.

Inmates, a local coroner and people who have relatives in prison have told the Clarion Ledger the violence is the result of [gang fights](#).

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MDOC commissioner resigning: [Pelicia Hall leaving this month as head of Mississippi's troubled prison system](#)

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Terrandance Dobbins, 40, was killed at South Mississippi Correctional Institution on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019. (Photo: Submitted)

Terrandance Dobbins, 40, killed at SMCI

[Terrandance Dobbins, 40, died at SMCI](#) in Leakesville on Dec. 29. MDOC locked down all prisons, citing the "major disturbance" that led to Dobbins' death.

He was serving a life sentence for a homicide in Adams County and eight years for aggravated assault in Sunflower County.

His sister, Candice Dobbins, told the Clarion Ledger he felt unsafe at SMCI and she had tried to get him transferred before his death.

Terrandance Dobbins dreamed of getting out of prison and opening a barber shop and salon, she said. He also wanted to mentor young people so they would avoid making the same mistakes he did.

When she visited him in prison with her kids and nephews, he told them: "You don't want to get in no trouble and be locked down."

He gave advice to inmates who were about to be released, she said, telling them to "get out of this place and don't ever come back."

His sister said MDOC has not been answering her questions about TerrandanceDobbins' death, despite multiple attempts to contact officials.

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Walter Gates, 25, killed at Parchman

Walter Gates, 25, was killed at Parchman within the first hour of the new year.

Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton said in a news release that she received a call at 12:42 a.m. from MDOC security at Parchman about the death of an inmate in Unit 29E. She arrived at Parchman to a unit that was still unsecure from a "gang related riot."

Officers assessed the inmates and removed them from the vicinity of the victim, the release said.

Gates had died of multiple stab wounds and was pronounced dead at 12:22 a.m., Burton said.

Gates had been sentenced to 10 years in prison from Coahoma County in 2015.

In a statement, MDOC said there had been a "major disturbance" late New Year's Eve. Several others were injured.



Gregory Emary (Photo: Special to the Clarion Ledger)

Gregory Emary, 26, killed at Chickasaw County Regional Correctional Facility

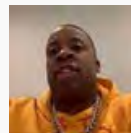
[Gregory Emary, 26, was killed](#) at the Chickasaw County Regional Correctional Facility on the morning of Jan. 2.

He was serving a 16-year sentence for burglary of an unoccupied dwelling in Tate County.

His ex-wife, Kara Cox, said Emary was an electrician and father of two boys.

"He was a very kind soul and had an amazing sense of humor," Cox said. "He could get along with anybody. Many people really loved him."

Cox said when Emary saw people pulled over on the side of the road, he'd stop to check if they needed help: "He would do anything for anybody."



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This undated photo shows Gregory Emary posing with his ex-wife Kara Cox and their two sons. Emary was killed in a fight at the Chickasaw County Regional Correctional Facility on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. (Photo: Submitted)

Cox said when prisons statewide went on lockdown, she thought Emary would be kept safe.

"He should have been protected," Cox said. "They failed to do that."

Cox said Emary was not in a gang.

"They riot and there's nothing else you can do. You can't run you can't hide. There's nowhere for you to go," she said.

Emary was planning to get out of prison and return home later this year, Cox said.

His former employer was going to give him his job back, she said, and he was looking forward to spending time with his children, ages 5 and 6.

After leaving prison, Emary also wanted to help people who had been in prison or drug court, she said.

"He wanted to make a difference and show that you can turn your life around," Cox said.

Cox said she would call Emary in prison multiple times a day. He told his sons that he loved them every time they talked.

"These are people's sons, fathers, brothers," she said. "It's really sad....Something needs to change in the system so that other families don't have their loved ones end up as victims of collateral damage of what's going on."

Roosevelt Holliman, 32, killed at Parchman

Roosevelt Holliman, 32, was stabbed to death in a "gang fight" at Parchman on Jan. 2, Burton said.



Roosevelt Holliman (Photo: Courtesy of MDOC)

Holliman, of Hattiesburg, was serving a 12-year sentence for armed robbery, sale of cocaine and burglary of a vehicle. He was scheduled to be released from prison in June 2021.

His sister, Theresa Holliman said her brother was the quiet one of the family, who pretty much kept to himself.

"He was different from all of us," she said.

Theresa Holliman said she believes her brother got involved in illegal activities because "he just wanted to be accepted."

She talked to him often by phone, though, and remained close despite their separation.

"He was everything to me," she said. "He was my big brother."

Her brother's death has devastated her family, who are still trying to get answers about what happened the day their loved one was killed.

"We are not coping with it well at all," Theresa Holliman said. "We didn't expect Roosevelt to go so soon."

Theresa Holliman said her family wasn't given much information about her brother's death. What little they do know was told to them by the funeral home.



Denorris Howell (Photo: Courtesy of MDOC)

Denorris Howell, 36, killed at Parchman

[Denorris Howell, 36, was killed](#) early morning of Jan. 3 at Parchman, Burton said.

Burton said she received a call at 3:20 a.m. about the death of an inmate in Unit 29I. Her investigation showed that Howell was involved with an altercation with his cellmate. Howell sustained neck injuries and his cell mate sustained stab wounds.

Howell was serving a 17-year sentence for manslaughter out of Marshall County.

A MDOC statement released Friday afternoon claimed Howell's death was unrelated to the "major disturbances" at prisons.

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This story will be updated as more information is released.

Update: Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton said Denorris Howell, who died Friday, was not stabbed as she initially reported. He sustained a neck injury. His body is at the state crime lab in Pearl undergoing autopsy.

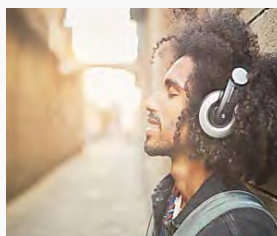
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EXHIBIT B



Report: 1 inmate dead, others injured in fight at the Mississippi State Penitentiary

Jimmie E. Gates, Mississippi Clarion Ledger Published 2:06 p.m. CT Jan. 1, 2020 | Updated 11:35 a.m. CT Jan. 2, 2020

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One inmate is dead and several were injured after an apparent fight New Year's Eve among inmates at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman.

Sunflower County Sheriff James Haywood and County Coroner Heather Burton confirmed the fight among the inmates Wednesday, [WTVA reported](#). MDOC has also confirmed the incident.

The incident comes after the Mississippi Department of Corrections announced Tuesday that [prisons across Mississippi were under lockdown after a "major disturbance" Sunday](#) at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville where one inmate was killed and two others sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Report: [MDOC prisoner in Chickasaw County killed during prison fight, the 3rd this week](#)

The inmate killed in the South Mississippi prison was identified as Terrandance Dobbins, 40, by MDOC. Dobbins was serving a life sentence for a homicide in Adams County and eight years for aggravated assault in Sunflower County.



Fight at Mississippi State Penitentiary leads to death of inmate. (Photo: Vickie D. King/Courtesy of the Mississippi Department of Corrections)

MDOC spokeswoman Grace Fisher said Wednesday movement remains restricted

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statewide in the prison system.

The inmate killed at Parchman was identified as Walter Earl Gates, 25, sentenced to 10 years in prison from Coahoma County in 2015.

Fisher said the situation is under control at the prison now but provided no further information citing a pending investigation.

All state prisons, private prisons, and regional facilities are included in the lockdown for the safety of the public, staff, and inmates, Fisher said.

Inmates deaths: [2 inmates die same night at Parchman. They were 26 and 28 years old.](#)

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WTVA reported Burton said the fight happened in Unit 29 around 9 p.m. Tuesday and spread to other buildings within the unit. Burton said she was called to the scene at about 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Burton said the inmate suffered multiple stab wounds, possibly from a shank, WTVA reports.

On Tuesday, MDOC Commissioner Pelicia Hall announced she is resigning. Hall will leave MDOC in mid-January to take a job in the private sector.

MDOC: [Commissioner Pelicia Hall resigning as head of Mississippi's troubled prison system](#)

Incoming Gov.Tate Reeves hadn't announced his choice for MDOC commissioner prior to Hall's resignation notice.

Mississippi has the third-highest prison incarceration rate in the country, according to the latest Bureau of Justice statistics.

The prison system has faced staff shortages, complaints of gang activity among inmates and inhumane treatment of inmates.

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Sheriff: One dead, two injured after fight at Chickasaw Regional Correctional Facility



Updated - Gregory Emary, 26, of Hernando, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Chickasaw County Coroner Michael Fowler.

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Updated: Jan 2, 2020 12:44 PM
Posted By: WTVA Staff

HOUSTON, Miss. (WTVA) - One inmate is dead and two were injured after a fight at the Mississippi Department of Correction's (MDOC) Regional Correctional Facility in Chickasaw County, according to Sheriff Jim Meyers.
Gregory Emary, 26, of Hernando, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Chickasaw County Coroner Michael Fowler.

CHICKASAW COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



Gregory Emary | Source: MDOC

One inmate was taken to the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo for injuries, Meyers said.

The other inmate was taken to a hospital in Calhoun County to be treated for lacerations to the head.

Reports of a riot were confirmed by jail personnel early Thursday morning.

The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is leading the investigation.

According to MDOC's website, Emary was convicted of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling in Tate County and was sentenced on Oct. 20, 2016. He received a 16-year prison sentence.



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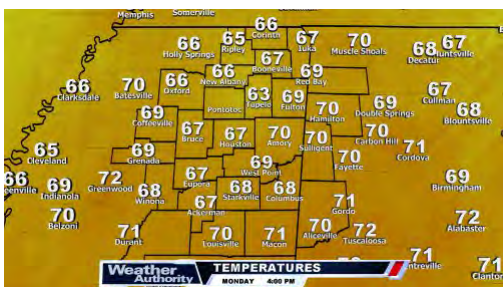


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EXHIBIT D



Parchman inmate dies of natural causes at hospital, coroner says

Alissa Zhu, Mississippi Clarion Ledger

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An inmate who had been held at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman died at a hospital Wednesday morning, Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton announced in a news release.



A. Mills (Photo: MDOC)

A.D. Mills was pronounced dead Wednesday at 12:41 a.m. at the Merit Health Hospital in Clarksdale, Burton said.

Coahoma County Coroner Scotty Meredith, who is investigating the death, said Mills, 42, had died of natural causes.

The cause of death, Meredith said, was a pulmonary embolism, or a blood clot in the lungs.

Meredith said Mills' death is unrelated to a recent outbreak of violence that has left five other inmates dead, including three at Parchman, in prisons across the state.

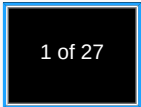
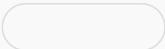
"This doesn't have anything to do with the riots. This is a man who has multiple medical issues," Meredith told the Clarion Ledger.

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MDOC spokeswoman Grace Fisher said she has no additional information to provide.

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Since Dec. 29, four of five inmates killed in prisons have died from what the Mississippi Department of Corrections has called gang-related violence. A unit at Parchman was set on fire. Two inmates escaped and have since been recaptured. MDOC announced a statewide prison lockdown was partially lifted Tuesday.

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"My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Mills' family," Burton said in her statement. "Please join me in saying a prayer for them and pray for the safety and well-being of the MDOC Corrections Staff, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, the inmates, and anyone else that is aiding in the efforts at Parchman. May God bless you all."

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Parchman death: Inmate found hanging in cell, coroner says

Alissa Zhu, Mississippi Clarion Ledger Published 7:33 p.m. CT Jan. 19, 2020 | Updated 2:51 p.m. CT Jan. 20, 2020

An inmate at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman died Saturday night, Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton announced.

Correctional officers had found Gabriel Carmen hanging in his cell, Burton said in a news release.

Carmen, 31, was housed in Parchman's Unit 29 and was serving a 17 year sentence for grand larceny and unlawful touching of a child, Mississippi Department of Correction's online records indicate.

Carmen is the fifth [Parchman inmate to die this year](https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/local/2020/01/03/parchman-riot-ms-prison-violence-who-are-inmates-killed/2803405001/) ([/story/news/local/2020/01/03/parchman-riot-ms-prison-violence-who-are-inmates-killed/2803405001/](https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/local/2020/01/03/parchman-riot-ms-prison-violence-who-are-inmates-killed/2803405001/)). Three men were killed at Parchman earlier this year during a statewide prison lockdown and one other died at a hospital of natural causes, according to the coroner.

There have been two additional killings at other prisons across the state. The outbreak of violence, which prison officials say is gang-related, has renewed scrutiny into brutal conditions inside Mississippi prisons and longstanding problems with under-funding and under-staffing.

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Burton said Carmen was last seen alive by officers at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday. He was irate and was throwing feces on the wall in a hall, officers said, according to Burton.

Twenty minutes later, a person that was cleaning the hall alerted officers Carmen was hanging, Burton said, and officers immediately ran to the cell to check on him. When they tried to enter the cell, they found that the lock had been jammed from the inside with a pipe Carmen had removed from the toilet, she said.

Medical staff could not get to Carmen until maintenance helped to open the cell door, Burton said. He was pronounced dead at 7:21 p.m. and the coroner was shortly after notified about his death.

Carmen's body was transported to the State Medical Examiner for an autopsy in accordance with state law, Burton said, and official cause of death and manner of death are pending autopsy results.

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Burton said she recently learned at a protest rally that, according to other victim's families, MDOC has not provided them details about their loved ones' deaths.

"I was unaware that they were not given details, so I have personally spoken to Mr. Carmen's parents to express my condolences and offer answers to their questions," Burton said in her release. "Please keep the Carmen family in your prayers, as well as MDOC Staff, inmates, and their families."

MDOC has called Parchman's Unit 29, where Carmen was housed, unsafe. Prison officials have have contracted with a nearby private prison to house more than 300 inmates for 90 days at a cost of more than \$2 million (</story/news/politics/2020/01/09/parchman-inmates-being-moved-private-prison-tallahatchie-county/4422223002/>). MDOC is searching for a place to house (</story/news/2020/01/15/parchman-unit-29-found-unsafe-mississippi-prison-inmates/4465269002/>) the more than 600 inmates who remain in Unit 29.

Attorneys working with hip-hop stars Jay-Z and Yo Gotti (</story/news/2020/01/14/jay-z-yo-gotti-sue-mississippi-prison-official-behalf-inmates/4469555002/>) are representing 29 Parchman inmates in a lawsuit against MDOC officials. The lawsuit claims the conditions people are subjected to while incarcerated amount to cruel and unusual punishment, which is unconstitutional.

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Investigation underway into 2 deaths at Parchman

JACKSON, MISS. – An investigation is ongoing into the deaths of two inmates at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. The Mississippi Department of Corrections will continue to provide information as soon as it is verified and is committed to providing updates as quickly as possible.

Timothy Hudspeth, 35, and the second inmate suffered fatal injuries Monday night at Unit 30, where they were housed, following an altercation with other inmates.

Thus far, investigators have determined that the conflict that resulted in these two deaths is unrelated to the recent series of killings within the prison system.

“The safety of staff and prisoners at Parchman is our immediate priority, and we are working hard to restore and maintain order,” said Interim Commissioner Tommy Taylor. “We believe that the motivation behind this latest altercation is limited to this new tragic set of circumstances. The environment that makes such violence possible must be addressed quickly, and we are committed to making changes to do so.”

Hudspeth was serving 10 years for possession of firearm by a felon. He was sentenced in April 2018 in Tate County.

Identification of the second inmate is pending notification of the next of kin. Both men were pronounced dead at the prison.

The cause and the manner of death for each inmate are pending an autopsy.

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Second inmate killed at Parchman identified

JACKSON, MISS. – The second of two inmates killed at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman has been identified.

James Talley, 36, suffered fatal injuries Monday night during an altercation at Unit 30 and was pronounced dead at the prison.

An investigation into his death and that of Timothy Hudspeth, 35, the other Unit 30 inmate, is ongoing. The cause and the manner of death for each inmate are pending an autopsy. Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton says the two men appear to have died from blunt force beating injuries.

Talley was serving 11 years for two counts of aggravated assault and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in Lee County. He had been in prison since October 2017.

As the Mississippi Department of Corrections works to restore and maintain order at the prison with 2,814 inmates today, movement is restricted until further notice.

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Inmate found dead Wednesday morning at Parchman identified

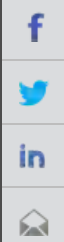
JACKSON, MISS. – The inmate found dead by apparent suicide at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman on Wednesday morning is now identified.

Thomas Lee, 49, pleaded guilty to capital murder and was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole on Oct. 20, 2014, in Grenada County Circuit Court for the death of Grenada police Capt. John Wayne Haddock. Haddock was struck by a fleeing car on Oct. 7, 2011, while attempting to lay spikes across Mississippi Highway 8 west to stop the car. Lee was a passenger in the car.

MSP officers found Lee, MDOC #193704, in his one-man cell at Unit 29 after 10 a.m. They performed CPR for several minutes before he was pronounced dead at 10:47 a.m.

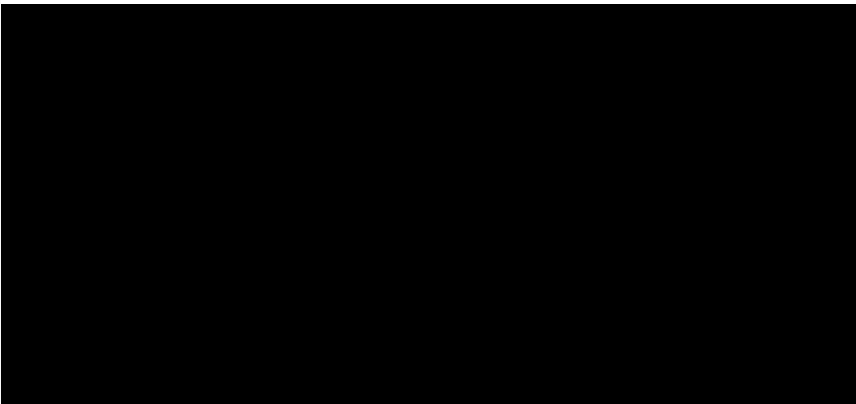
The county coroner says the cause of death “appears consistent with ligature hanging,” but the official cause and manner of death are pending confirmation by an autopsy and an investigation by the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

EXHIBIT I



Mississippi inmate dies at Marshall County Correctional Facility

Alissa Zhu, Mississippi Clarion Ledger Published 2:29 p.m. CT Jan. 26, 2020 | Updated 6:01 p.m. CT Jan. 26, 2020



Hundreds turned out to demand reform for Mississippi's troubled prison system in front of the Capitol building in Jackson on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020. Mississippi Clarion Ledger

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A man has died at the Marshall County Correctional Facility in Holly Springs, officials said.

Jermaine Tyler, 38, was found unresponsive in his housing unit at about 8:15 p.m. Saturday, according to a statement from Management and Training Corporation, the private company that runs the prison.

Tyler was serving a life sentence for capital murder, conspiracy to commit a crime and possession of a firearm by a felon out of Rankin County, according to MDOC.

Marshall County Coroner James Anderson told the Clarion Ledger by the time he responded to the prison at around 8:40 p.m. Saturday, the body was "cold to the touch."

Anderson estimated the man had been dead for four to six hours, possibly longer.

There was no visible blood around the body, Anderson said, and he does not know the cause of death.

The inmate's body was sent to the State Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy, Anderson said.

According to the statement from Management and Training Corporation, "there were no initial signs of foul play."

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Mississippi Department of Corrections is helping investigate the death, the statement said.



Several hundred people gather in front of the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson, on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, to protest conditions in prisons where inmates have been killed in violent clashes in recent weeks. Mississippi's new governor says he and the interim corrections commissioner toured a troubled state prison to see conditions and to try to understand what led to an outburst of deadly violence in recent weeks. (AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis) (Photo: Rogelio V. Solis, AP)

dilapidated prisons through under-funding and neglect.

The Marshall County Correctional Facility is a privately-operated prison that holds about 1,000 inmates for the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Eleven other inmates have died while in MDOC custody in less than a month. Some inmates were killed in riots, or what officials have called gang-related disturbances.

'This is a war': Protesters demand accountability over Mississippi prison deaths

Last week, four inmates died at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, including two from apparent hangings and two who were beaten to death by other inmates, authorities said.

Prison crisis: Jay-Z lawsuit. Deaths. Riots. Gang violence. What you need to know about Mississippi's troubled prisons

Several hundred protesters gathered outside the state Capitol Friday to demand prison reform. Much of the ire was directed at state leaders who protesters say created a deadly mix of corrupt guards, lack of supervision, disgusting living conditions and

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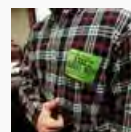
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Inmate found dead Sunday morning in cell at Parchman

JACKSON, MISS. – An inmate was found dead in his one-man cell at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman on Sunday morning.

Joshua Norman, 26, was found hanging at Unit 29. No foul play is suspected, according to Sunflower County Coroner Heather Burton. The investigation into the death is ongoing, and an official cause and manner of death are pending autopsy results.

Norman, MDOC #171262, was serving five years for armed robbery in Oktibbeha County. He was sentenced April 30, 2019.

The Mississippi Department of Corrections will continue to provide information as soon as it is verified and is committed to providing updates as quickly as possible.

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State inmate collapses and dies at Kemper-Neshoba Regional Facility

JACKSON, MISS. – A state inmate at the Kemper-Neshoba Regional Correctional Facility in DeKalb collapsed today and was pronounced dead later at a local hospital.

Limarion Reaves, 28, was talking to a relative on a facility phone when he fell ill shortly before 1 p.m., according to Warden Johnny Crockett. CPR and AED shocks were administered by medical staff until an ambulance arrived.

The cause and manner of death are pending an autopsy.

Reaves, MDOC #223305, was sentenced to three years in prison on May 16, 2019, for aggravated assault in Leflore County.

The Mississippi Department of Corrections will continue to provide information as it becomes available and is committed to providing updates as quickly as possible.

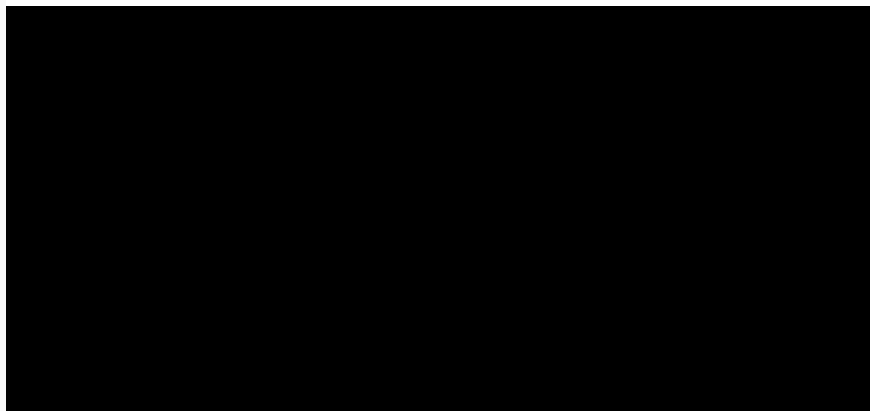
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Mississippi prison crisis: 15th state inmate dies, cause under investigation

Lici Beveridge, Mississippi Clarion Ledger

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Hundreds turned out to demand reform for Mississippi's troubled prison system in front of the Capitol building in Jackson on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020. Mississippi Clarion Ledger



Another state inmate death has been reported in Mississippi, at Wilkinson County Correctional Facility, Management and Training Corp. officials said in a news release.



Jesus Garcia (Photo: Courtesy of MDOC)

Jesus Garcia, 39, was found lying in his cell on Saturday. He was unresponsive. Medical personnel were called and began life-saving measures but were unsuccessful, according to the release.

Garcia was pronounced dead at 12:52 p.m.

'Quickly as possible': [First prison reform legislation filed as Mississippi deaths pile up](#)

The cause and manner of his death are under investigation. There were no obvious signs of assault, prison officials said.

Garcia was serving a 20-year sentence for capital rape from a DeSoto County case.

Prison deaths continue: [14th state inmate dies](#)

He is the 15th inmate to die since Dec. 29 and the fifth in little more than a week.



On Thursday, Nora Ducksworth died at the Marshall County Correctional Facility. Initial indications were that his death was due to natural causes, but the cause remains under investigation.

Jermaine Tyler, 38, died Jan. 25, also at the Marshall County Correctional Facility with "no initial signs of foul play," according to MTC, the company that runs the facility.

A day later, 26-year-old Joshua Norman was found hanging in a one-man cell at Parchman.

Jay-Z attorney: Mississippi Parchman inmate tried to hang himself in cell

And on Jan. 28, Limarion Reaves, 28, was talking to a relative on a facility phone when he collapsed at the Kemper-Neshoba Regional Correctional Facility in DeKalb.

Last week, Mississippi lawmakers began introducing legislation that could help address some of the deadly problems in the state's prison system, which has been rocked by violence in recent weeks and long-deteriorated living conditions.

"We need to get started as quickly as possible," newly-named House Corrections Chairman Kevin Horan, I-Grenada, told committee members in their first meeting Wednesday.

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Horan told the committee to be ready to move quickly through legislation in the coming weeks.

In addition, a group of sheriffs visited the Capitol on Wednesday to advocate moving more medium-security prisoners to regional jails, in order take pressure off state facilities. They said the plan could save the state \$22.5 million annually, because it costs about \$14 more to house each inmate daily in a state-run facility compared to a county-managed one.

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Other recent inmate deaths include:

- Dec. 29 — Terrandance Dobbins, 40, was killed in what MDOC called a "major disturbance" at South Mississippi Correctional Institution.
- Jan. 1 — Walter Gates, 25, died of multiple stab wounds at Parchman.
- Jan. 2 — Gregory Emary, 26, was killed in a fight at the Chickasaw County Regional Facility.
- Jan. 2 — Roosevelt Holliman, 32, was stabbed to death in a "gang fight" at Parchman, according to the coroner.
- Jan. 3 — Denorris Howell, 36, died at Parchman of neck injuries after an altercation with his cellmate.
- Jan. 8 — A.D. Mills, a 42-year-old Parchman inmate, died of "natural causes" at a hospital in Clarksdale.
- Jan. 18 — Gabriel Carmen, 31, was found hanging in his cell at Parchman.
- Jan. 21 — Timothy Hudspeth, 35, died at Parchman of what appeared to be blunt force beating injuries following an altercation with other inmates.
- Jan. 21 — James Talley, 36, died at Parchman of what appeared to be blunt force beating injuries following an altercation with other inmates.
- Jan. 22 — Thomas Lee, 49, was found dead in his cell at Parchman. MDOC has called his death "an apparent suicide."
- Jan. 25 — Jermaine Tyler, 38, died at the Marshall County Correctional Facility with "no initial signs of foul play," according to MTC, which runs the facility.
- Jan. 26 — Joshua Norman, 26, was found hanging in a one-man cell at Parchman.
- Jan. 28 — Limarion Reaves, 28, was talking to a relative on a facility phone when he collapsed at the Kemper-Neshoba Regional Correctional Facility in DeKalb.
- Jan. 30 — Nora Ducksworth, 52, died at the Marshall County Correctional Facility. Initial indications are that the death was due to natural causes, according to MTC.
- Feb. 1 — Jesus Garcia, 39, died at the Wilkinson County Correctional Facility. His cause and manner of death are under investigation, MTC said in a news release.

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Inmate who died this afternoon in prison hospital identified

JACKSON, MISS. – The inmate who died Monday afternoon at the hospital at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman has been identified.

James Allen Brown, 54, was serving life for murder/homicide, plus 25 years for residential burglary, in Scott County. He was sentenced June 11, 1993.

No foul play is suspected in Brown's death, according to the Sunflower County coroner. The official cause and the manner are pending an autopsy.

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Inmate serving 25 years for two armed robberies in Copiah County dies

JACKSON, MISS. – A man in prison since 2004 for two armed robberies has died.

Bobby Lewis Vance, 54, died Saturday at Merit Health Central Hospital in Jackson. No foul play is suspected in his death.

Vance, MDOC #21391, was housed at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County. He was sentenced in Copiah County to serve a total of 25 years on Nov. 9, 2004.

The official cause and the manner of death are pending an autopsy.

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Inmate dies at Rankin County prison

JACKSON, MISS. – An inmate was found unresponsive in his cell at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County early Sunday morning as an officer was serving breakfast.

David Lee May, 42, was later pronounced dead after he did not respond to resuscitation efforts.

There were no obvious signs of injuries to the body. An autopsy will determine the cause and the manner of death.

May, who was housed alone, was serving life for two aggravated assaults in Harrison County. He was sentenced Oct. 5, 2017.

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Prisoner serving 20 years for manslaughter dies

JACKSON, MISS. – An inmate serving 20 years for manslaughter in Lowndes County has died while in prison.

Omar Beard, 36, died Wednesday at Merit Health Rankin in Brandon. His death appears to be from natural causes. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death.

Beard, MDOC #221215, was sentenced on Feb. 6, 2019. He was housed at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County.

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Two inmates die in prison hospital this week

JACKSON, MISS. – Two inmates died in the hospital at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman this week.

Each death, one on Thursday and the other on Friday, is believed to be from natural causes. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death in each case.

The inmates' identifications are pending notification of next of kin.

The Mississippi Department of Corrections is committed to providing updates as quickly as possible.

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Inmate Serving 6 Years Dies at Local Hospital

JACKSON, MISS. – Grayland Cox, 62, an inmate at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County, died Tuesday night at Merit Health Central in Jackson.

No foul play is suspected in Cox's death. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death.

Cox, MDOC #75296, was serving six years for selling cocaine (enhanced penalty) in Marshall County. He was sentenced Nov. 13, 2017.

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Inmate serving life for murder dies at local hospital

JACKSON, MISS. – Inmate Patricia A. Wilhite, 68, who was serving life without parole for murder, died at the Baptist Medical Center in Jackson this morning.

No foul play is suspected in Wilhite's death. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death.

Wilhite, MDOC # R4475, had been an inmate at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County since 1998.

Wilhite was convicted of a 1995 homicide in Pontotoc County. Her first trial ended in a mistrial. A change of venue placed the second trial in Monroe County. She was found guilty and sentenced April 18, 1998.

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Identity released of inmate who died in prison hospital

JACKSON, MISS. – The 45-year-old inmate who died Wednesday in the hospital at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman has been identified.

Inmate Lee R. Clemmer Jr., was serving eight years for two drug convictions.

Clemmer Jr., MDOC #R1031, was twice convicted of selling methamphetamine in Prentiss County, with an enhanced penalty on one count. He received five years when sentenced on Oct. 16, 2018, and three years when sentenced the second time on Jan. 29, 2019.

Foul play is not suspected, and the cause and the manner are pending the results of an autopsy.

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Inmate who died in Oxford hospital identified

JACKSON, MISS. – The 77-year-old state inmate who died Saturday at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford has been identified.

Willie C. Booker, MDOC #94193, was serving life at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman for homicide/murder in Calhoun County. He had been in prison for more than 23 years, having been sentenced Jan. 24, 1997.

Foul play is not suspected in Booker's death; the results of an autopsy will confirm the cause and the manner of his death.

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Inmate who died at Rankin County prison Monday evening identified

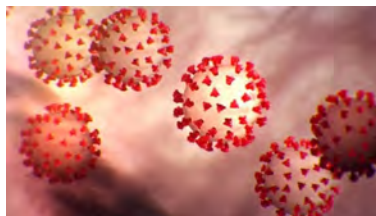
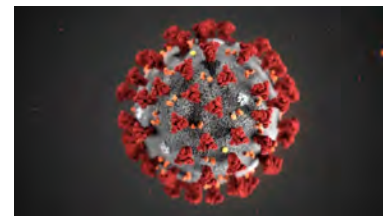
JACKSON, MISS. – The inmate who died Monday evening at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County has been identified as 80-year-old David W. Parvin.

Parvin, #168115, was convicted of murder/homicide in Monroe County, with one conviction overturned on appeal before the Mississippi State Supreme Court. He was tried, found guilty again, and sentenced to life on March 10, 2014. The Mississippi Court of Appeals later affirmed his conviction and sentence.

Foul play is not suspected in Parvin's death. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death.

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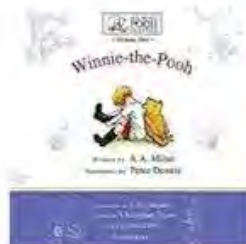
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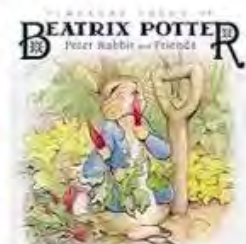
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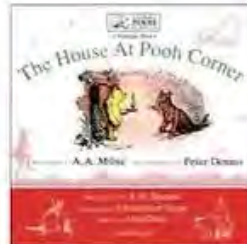
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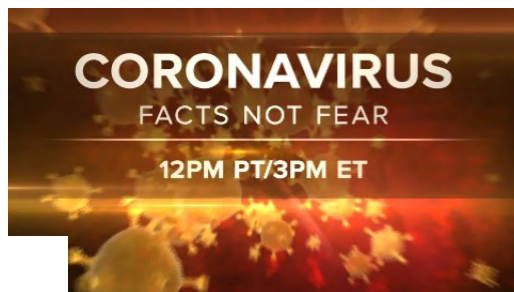
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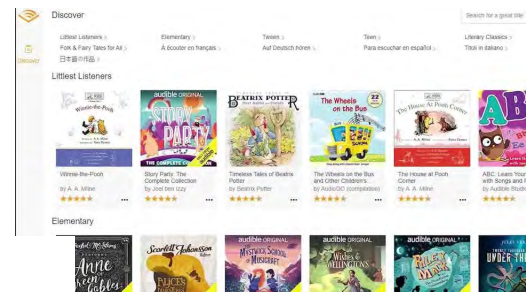
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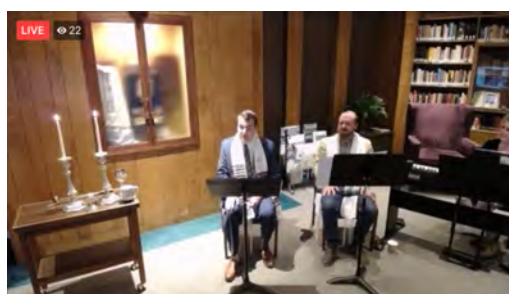
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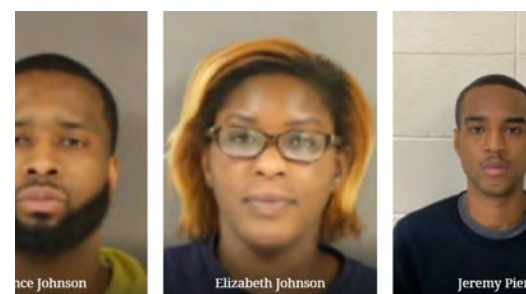
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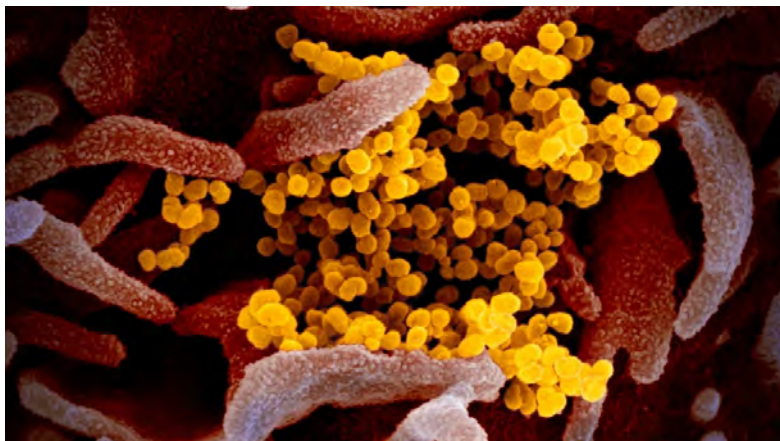
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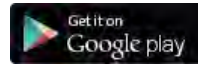
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Inmate found unresponsive at MSP

JACKSON, MISS. – A 42-year-old inmate was found unresponsive Thursday afternoon during a security check at the Mississippi State Penitentiary's Unit 30.

Emergency personnel were called to the dormitory-style area; the inmate was subsequently pronounced dead.

There were no signs of foul play. An autopsy will determine the cause and the manner of death.

The inmate's name will be released once his next of kin is notified.

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There were no signs of foul play.



Michael Robertson, 42 (Source: Mississippi Department of Corrections)



By [China Lee](#) | March 12, 2020 at 5:18 PM CDT - Updated March 13 at 3:04 PM



JACKSON, Miss. (WLBT) - A 42-year-old inmate was found unresponsive Thursday afternoon during a security check at the Mississippi State Penitentiary's Unit 30.



Mississippi Department of Corrections has identified the inmate as Michael Robertson.

Robertson was serving 10 years for drive-by shooting in Union County. He was sentenced August 17, 2016.

There were no signs of foul play. An autopsy will determine the cause and the manner of death.

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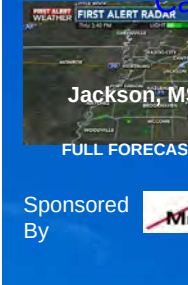
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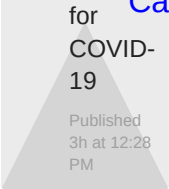
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MDOC: Inmate dies at South Mississippi Correctional Institution, no foul play suspected

Sarah Fowler, Mississippi Clarion Ledger

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An inmate died Saturday at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville.

Troy Michael Daughtery, 48, was found unconscious in his bed Saturday evening, according to the Mississippi Department of Corrections (<https://www.clarionledger.com/in-depth/news/2020/03/18/lifers-in-mississippi-prisons-for-nonviolent-crimes/4818657002/>). He did not respond to CP



Troy Daughtery (Photo: Mississippi Department of Corrections)

Daughtery was sentenced June 1, 1999, in Harrison County, for capital murder.

No foul play is suspected, according to MDOC. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death. (<https://www.clarionledger.com/in-depth/news/2020/03/04/inmates-mississippi-prisons-deadlier-than-most/2858516001/>).

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