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Death at FCI Yazoo City Medium

YAZOO CITY, MS: On Sunday, December 7, 2025, at approximately 8:25 p.m., Develon Lashonie Cunningham was found unresponsive at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Yazoo City Medium in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Cunningham was transported by EMS to a local hospital and subsequently pronounced deceased by hospital personnel.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified.

No employees or other incarcerated individuals were injured, and at no time was the public in danger.

Mr. Cunningham was a 49-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Mississippi to a 188-month sentence for Distribution of Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at FCI Yazoo City Medium since February 12, 2025.

FCI Yazoo City Medium is a medium security facility.

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