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United States Penitentiary Canaan
Waymart, Pennsylvania

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Death at USP Canaan

WAYMART, PA: On Friday, December 19, 2025, at approximately 4:05 p.m., Robert James Turner was found unresponsive at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Canaan in Waymart, Pennsylvania.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Turner was subsequently pronounced deceased by EMS 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. Turner was a 57-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Virginia to a Life sentence for Murder in the First Degree, and an additional 41-month sentence for Prisoner in Possession of a Shank. He had been in custody at USP Canaan since March 17, 2025.

USP Canaan is a high security facility.

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