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United States Penitentiary
Bruceton Mills, West Virginia

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Death at USP Hazelton

BRUCETON MILLS, WV: On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at approximately 8:35 p.m., Jerome Jones was found unresponsive at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Hazelton in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Jones was transported by EMS to a local hospital and subsequently pronounced deceased on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 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. Jones was a 35-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Tennessee to an aggregate 330-month Sentence for Carjacking and Carry and Use of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, Specifically, Carjacking. He had been in custody at USP Hazelton since April 7, 2025.

USP Hazelton is a high-security facility.

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