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Federal Correctional Institution
Oakdale, Louisiana

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Death at FCI Oakdale 1

OAKDALE, LA: On Thursday, April 16, 2026, at approximately 11:55 a.m., Bernard Murphy was found unresponsive at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Oakdale in Oakdale, Louisiana.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Murphy was transported by EMS to a local hospital and subsequently pronounced deceased by hospital personnel on Friday, April 17, 2026.

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. Murphy was a 61-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Virginia to an aggregate 130-month sentence for Possession With the Intent to Distribute a Mixed Substance Containing Methamphetamine – A Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense, and Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute 450 Grams of Alpha-PVP - A Schedule I Controlled Substance. He had been in custody at FCI Oakdale 1 since May 20, 2025.

FCI Oakdale 1 is a low security facility.

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