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Death at FCI Sheridan

SHERIDAN, OR: On Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at approximately 6:40 a.m., Burdick Nelson Seminole was found unresponsive following a perceived altercation at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Sheridan in Sheridan, Oregon.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Seminole was subsequently pronounced deceased by EMS personnel. A second individual was medically assessed and treated for minor injuries at the facility.

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. Seminole was a 61-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Wyoming to an aggregate sentence of Life for First Degree Murder, Discharging a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, and Causing Death with a Firearm During a Crime of Violence. He had been in custody at FCI Sheridan since January 20, 2026.

FCI Sheridan is a medium security facility.

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