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Death at FCI Petersburg Medium

HOPEWELL, VA: On Friday, May 15, 2026, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Derrick Leysath was found unresponsive at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Petersburg Medium in Hopewell, Virginia.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Leysath 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. Leysath was a 22-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to a 120-month sentence for Distribution and Attempted Distribution of Child Pornography, and Possession of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at FCI Petersburg Medium since April 29, 2026.

FCI Petersburg Medium is a medium security facility.

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