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Hopewell, Virginia

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Death at FCI Petersburg Low

HOPEWELL, VA: On Saturday, June 20, 2026, at approximately 11:30 p.m., John Archie McNeill, Jr., became unresponsive at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Petersburg Low in Hopewell, Virginia.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. McNeill 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. McNeill was a 38-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of North Carolina to a 24-month term of incarceration for a Supervised Release Violation. His original charges include Bank Fraud, Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, and Aiding and Abetting. He had been in custody at FCI Petersburg Low since March 3, 2026.

FCI Petersburg Low is a low security facility.

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