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United States Penitentiary
Pollock, Louisiana

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Death at USP Pollock

POLLOCK, LA: On Sunday, August 2, 2026, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Daniel Paul Blanks was found unresponsive at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Pollock in Pollock, Louisiana.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Blanks was transported by EMS to a local hospital. Subsequently, on Monday, August 3, 2026, Mr. Blanks was pronounced deceased 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. Blanks was a 48-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Arkansas to a life sentence for Aiding and Abetting Kidnapping Resulting in Death. He had been in custody at USP Pollock since May 22, 2025.

USP Pollock is a high security facility.

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