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Death at USP Coleman I

SUMTERVILLE, FL: On Sunday, September 20, 2026, at approximately 4:15 p.m., Richard A. James, Jr. was found unresponsive at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Coleman I in Sumterville, Florida.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. James was transported by EMS to a local hospital and subsequently 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. James was a 35-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Kansas to a 180-month sentence for Assault of a Federal Officer. He had been in custody at USP Coleman I since June 25, 2026.

USP Coleman I is a high security facility.

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