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Snake River Correctional Institution reports inmate death

An Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate died unexpectedly early Tuesday morning at Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI) in Ontario. As with all unanticipated deaths in state prisons, the Oregon State Police Criminal Investigations Unit is conducting an investigation.

At approximately 11:25 p.m., Monday, April 13, inmate John McKinley's cellmate alerted staff that McKinley, 53, needed medical attention. McKinley was found unresponsive, at which time staff began CPR. He was pronounced dead at 12:18 a.m. McKinley entered DOC custody on November 19, 2008, on one count of sodomy in the first degree and one count of unlawful use of a weapon out of Multnomah County. His earliest release date was March 3, 2038.

Next of kin has been notified. No other details are available at this time.

SRCI is a multi-custody prison in Ontario that houses approximately 3,000 male inmates. SRCI has multiple special housing units including disciplinary segregation, intensive management, infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care, and an administrative segregation unit. SRCI participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including a contact center, laundry, and sign shop. SRCI specializes in incentive housing, specialized housing, inmates with mental health/medical vulnerabilities, education and trades programs, cognitive and parenting programs, and institution work programs. SRCI opened in 1991 and is the largest correctional institution in the state.

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