



# News Release

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## Snake River Correctional Institution Reports Inmate Death

An inmate died unexpectedly early Wednesday 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 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, a Correctional Officer found James Papineau, 66, unresponsive in his cell, where he was the sole occupant. Medical staff began life-saving efforts to no avail. He was pronounced deceased at 7:15 a.m. No other details are available at this time.

Attempts to locate next of kin have not been successful. The department asks that anyone familiar with the deceased contact one of the numbers listed above.

Papineau originally entered DOC custody on August 20, 1988, on multiple charges, including robbery in the first degree, burglary in the first degree, and coercion. He paroled on May 3, 2004, later violated his parole, and returned to DOC custody on February 1, 2006, with multiple new charges. His earliest release date was June 4, 2030.

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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