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Two Rivers Correctional Institution reports inmate death

An inmate died unexpectedly Thursday evening at Two Rivers Correctional Institution (TRCI) in Umatilla. As with all unanticipated deaths in state prisons, the Oregon State Police Criminal Investigation Division is conducting an investigation.

Staff found inmate George Phillip Murphy, Jr., 70, in the infirmary unresponsive. Attempts were made to resuscitate him, and paramedics were called to the scene. Murphy was pronounced deceased at 7:10 p.m.

Murphy entered Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) custody on September 30, 2004, on one count of sexual penetration in the second degree out of Coos County. His earliest release date was February 27, 2017.

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

TRCI is a multi-custody prison in Umatilla that houses approximately 1,800 male inmates. TRCI participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including institution and industrial laundry, mattress manufacturing, and sewing. Other institution work programs include reparation and cleaning of irrigation ditches, maintenance of local baseball fields, and work with local cities and the Hermiston School District. The facility provides a range of correctional programs and services including education, religious services, and behavioral health services. TRCI opened in 2000.

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