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Oregon State Penitentiary reports inmate death

An Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate died unexpectedly early Thursday evening at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem. As with all unanticipated deaths in state prisons, the Oregon State Police Criminal Investigations Unit is conducting an investigation.

At approximately 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, staff responded to the cell where inmate Anthony Powell was the sole occupant. Upon arrival, medical staff determined that he was deceased. Powell was 41 years old.



Anthony Powell

Powell entered Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) custody on July 15, 1996, on one count of aggravated murder out of Multnomah County; and one count of attempted murder, assault in the second degree, and inmate with a weapon out of Umatilla County. He was sentenced to life in prison.

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

OSP is Oregon's only maximum-security prison, located in Salem, and houses over 2,000 male inmates. OSP is surrounded by a 25-foot-high wall with 10 towers. The facility has multiple special housing units including death row, disciplinary segregation, behavioral health, intermediate care housing, and an infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care. OSP participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including the furniture factory, laundry, metal shop, and contact center. It provides a range of correctional programs and services including education, work-based education, inmate work crews, and pre-release services. OSP was established in 1866 and, until 1959, was Oregon's only prison.

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