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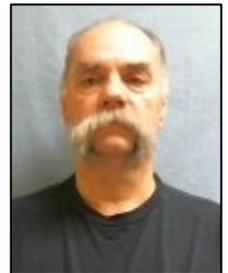
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Oregon State Penitentiary reports inmate death

An Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate died unexpectedly early Monday morning 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 7:35 a.m. on Monday, June 6, staff responded to the cell where inmate Johnny Tinker was the sole occupant. Upon arrival, medical staff determined that he was deceased. Tinker was 59 years old.



Johnny Tinker

Tinker entered DOC custody on August 22, 2002 on one count of murder out of Douglas 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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