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Oregon State Penitentiary reports inmate death

An Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate died unexpectedly Saturday in a local area hospital. As with all unanticipated deaths in state prisons, the Oregon State Police Criminal Investigation Division is conducting an investigation.

James Howland, 27, was transported off-site for medical care Friday, July 15, 2016. He was pronounced deceased on Monday, July 18, at 3:27 p.m. He had been housed at Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem.

Howland entered Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) custody on August 12, 2014 on four counts of unlawful use of a vehicle in the first degree out of Marion County. His earliest release date was January 23, 2023.

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.



James Howland

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