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Two Rivers Correctional Institution reports inmate death

An Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate died unexpectedly Sunday morning 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 Tomas Vejar-Garcia, 76, unresponsive in his cell Sunday, May 1, at approximately 7:53 a.m.

Vejar-Garcia entered DOC custody on June 1, 2012, on two counts of sex abuse in the first degree out of Washington County. His earliest release date was June 6, 2016.

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.



Tomas Vejar-Garcia

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