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State Inmate Dies at Mississippi State Penitentiary

Parchman - State inmate Larry Ruffin, MDOC #34467B, died Tuesday, July 9, at the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) in Parchman. A provisional autopsy report indicates that Ruffin, a 42-year old black male, died as a result of sudden cardiac death. Ruffin was serving a life sentence for homicide from Harrison County, Mississippi. The official cause of Ruffin's death is pending the completion of findings of an autopsy, which was performed in accordance with state law.