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### **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER DIES OF NATURAL CAUSES AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY**

Parchman...Officer Barbara Hendrix, assigned to Unit 29 security staff at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, passed away at the prison hospital Sunday morning. Prison officials report that Officer Hendrix, was preparing to get off duty at 8:00 am when she began experiencing difficulty in breathing. She was rushed by ambulance to the prison hospital where medical officials worked to stabilize her condition. Officer Hendrix was pronounced dead by hospital officials at 9:18 am. Sunflower County Corner Douglas Card was called in and he will issue his finding in the cause of Officer Hendrix's death.

Officer Hendrix, age 44 and a resident of Itta Bena, had worked for the prison system since September 2000. Three children survive her, ages 21,16 and 12.

"We are deeply saddened by Officer Hendrix's death. She was a dedicated employee. Our thoughts and our prayers go out to her family," said Mississippi State Superintendent Emmitt Sparkman.

