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## **MDOC Announces Two Inmate Deaths**

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Jackson – The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced the deaths of two state inmates.

- State inmate Charles Pearson #44801, a 53 year-old white male, passed away at the Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center at 7:35 p.m. on Saturday August 31. According to a provisional report of autopsy issued by the medical examiner, the contributing cause of Pearson's death was gastral intestinal hemorrhaging. Pearson was serving a 50-year sentence from Jackson County, Miss., on two counts of sexual assault.
- State inmate Ronald Eugene Thompson #K0142, a 54 year-old white male, passed away at the Mississippi State Penitentiary hospital at 1:50 p.m. on Monday, September 2. According to a provisional report of autopsy issued by the medical examiner, Thompson's death was attributed to macronodular cirrhosis of the liver. Thompson was sentenced from Lamar County, Miss., and was serving four years for shoplifting.

Autopsies were performed on both offenders in accordance with state law to determine their cause of death.