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State Inmate Dies at South Mississippi Correctional Institution

Leakesville – State inmate Eric Richard Barnes MDOC # L0805, died Friday afternoon at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI). Offender Barnes, who was sentenced to serve five years from Jackson County for armed robbery, was assigned to SMCI's Regimented Discipline Program. Barnes was pronounced dead at 12:18 p.m. at SMCI's clinic. Barnes' body was transferred to the University Medical Center in Jackson where an autopsy will be performed in accordance with state law. The cause of Barnes' death is pending the completion of the autopsy.

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