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MDOC Announces Two Inmate Deaths

Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections officials today announced the deaths of two state inmates.

- State inmate Hartwell Lee Elkins #K6997, a 57 year-old white male, passed away at the Mississippi State Penitentiary hospital at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, August 9. According to a provisional report of autopsy issued by the medical examiner, the contributing cause of Elkins' death was sudden cardiac arrest. Elkins was serving a two-year sentence from Panola County, Miss., on one count of grand larceny.
- State inmate Sidney A. Tucker #R6350A, a 24 year-old black male, passed away at the University Medical Center in Jackson at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14. According to the death certificate, Tucker's death was attributed to cardiovascular failure. Tucker was sentenced from Madison County, Miss., and was serving five years on four counts of residential burglary.

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