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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **State Inmate Dies at Mississippi State Penitentiary Hospital**

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Parchman – State inmate Venson Dye #R1329A, a 65 year old white male, passed away at the Mississippi State Penitentiary hospital in Parchman at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, August 2. Offender Dye's death was attributed to metastatic lung cancer. Dye was serving an 8-year sentence from Harrison County, Miss., on two counts of child molestation. Dye's body was transferred to Jackson where an autopsy will be performed in accordance with state law to determine the cause of death.