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## Deaths of Two State Inmates Reported by Mississippi Department of Corrections

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Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections officials report that state inmate **Willie Barnett, MDOC # W0819A**, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003 at approximately 8:45 p.m., at Northwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in Clarksdale, Miss. A provisional autopsy report indicates that Barnett, a 43-year-old black male, died of hypertensive heart disease. Barnett was serving a 2-year sentence from Montgomery county for the sale of a controlled substance.

Corrections officials also report that state inmate **John Goodrich, MDOC #27674C**, died Friday, January 17 at approximately 2:10 a.m. at the Mississippi State Penitentiary hospital in Parchman, Miss. A provisional autopsy report indicates that Goodrich, a 36-year-old white male, died as the result of gastro intestinal hemorrhage. Goodrich was serving a one year sentence from Lee for felony driving under the influence.

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