



# DEATHS IN CUSTODY – 2007 STATE PRISON INMATE DEATH REPORT

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### Reporting Period (Mark only one)

State \_\_\_\_\_

- Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)
- Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)
- Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)
- Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)

Death Number \_\_\_\_\_  
out of period total of \_\_\_\_\_  
as reported on form NPS-4

### 1. What was the inmate's name?

Last	First	MI
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### 2. On what date did the inmate die?

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="7"/>

### 3. What was the name and location of the correctional facility involved?

### 4. What was the inmate's date of birth?

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### 5. What was the inmate's gender?

- 01  Male
- 02  Female

### 6. What was the inmate's race/ethnic origin?

Mark (X) all that apply.

- 01  White, not of Hispanic origin
- 02  Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin
- 03  Hispanic or Latino
- 04  American Indian/Alaska Native
- 05  Asian
- 06  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- 07  Additional racial category in your information system – *Specify* ↴

### 7. On what date had the inmate been admitted to one of your correctional facilities?

Month	Day	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### 8. For what offense(s) was the inmate being held?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

### 9. What was the inmate's legal status at time of death?

• For persons with more than one status, report the status associated with the most serious offense.

- 01  Convicted – new court commitment
- 02  Convicted – returned probation/parole violator
- 03  Unconvicted
- 04  Other – *Specify* ↴

### 10. Where did the inmate die?

- 01  In general housing in the facility or on prison grounds
- 02  In segregation unit
- 03  In special medical unit/infirmary within your facility
- 04  In medical facility outside your facility
- 05  While in transit
- 06  Elsewhere – *Specify* ↴

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Name of deceased inmate \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Did a medical examiner or coroner conduct an evaluation (such as an autopsy, post-mortem exam, or review of medical records) in order to establish an official cause of death?**

- 01  Yes → **11a. Are results available?**      01  Yes – Complete items 12 through 16.  
02  No → **11b. Is an evaluation planned?**      02  No – Skip remaining items; you will be contacted later for these data.
- 01  Yes – Skip remaining items; you will be contacted later for these data.  
02  No – Complete items 12 through 16.

**12. What was the cause of death?**

- 01  Illness/natural cause  
• Exclude AIDS-related and accidental deaths.

Specify illness/cause ↘

- 02  Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)  
03  Alcohol/drug intoxication  
04  Accidental injury to self – Describe events ↘

- 05  Accidental injury by other (e.g., positional asphyxiation during cell extraction) –

Describe events ↘

- 06  Suicide  
07  Homicide committed by other inmate(s)  
08  Other homicide – Describe events ↘

- 09  Other causes – Specify causes ↘

**13. Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the inmate develop the condition after admission?**

- If multiple medical conditions caused the death, mark "01" if any of the conditions were pre-existing.

- 01  Pre-existing medical condition  
02  Inmate developed condition after admission  
08  Could not be determined  
09  Not applicable – cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

**14. Had the inmate been receiving treatment for the medical condition after admission to your correctional facilities?**

- EXCLUDE emergency care provided at time of death.

Yes      No      Don't know

- 01  07  08  Evaluated by physician/medical staff  
02  07  08  Had diagnostic tests (e.g., X-rays, MRI)  
03  07  08  Received medications  
04  07  08  Received treatment/care other than medications  
05  07  08  Had surgery  
06  07  08  Confined in special medical unit  
09  Not applicable – cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide, or homicide

**15. When did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide or homicide) causing the inmate's death occur?**

- 01  Morning (6 a.m. to noon)  
02  Afternoon (noon to 6 p.m.)  
03  Evening (6 p.m. to midnight)  
04  Overnight (midnight to 6 a.m.)  
09  Not applicable – cause of death was illness/natural causes, intoxication, or AIDS-related

**16. Where did the incident (e.g., accident, suicide or homicide) take place?**

- 01  In the inmate's cell/room  
02  In a temporary holding area/lockup  
03  In a common area within the facility (e.g., yard, library, cafeteria, day room, recreational area, or workshop)  
04  Outside of the prison (e.g., while on work release or on work detail, under community supervision, or in transit)  
05  Elsewhere – Specify ↘

- 09  Not applicable – cause of death was illness/natural causes, intoxication, or AIDS-related

**Notes**