



# Nevada Department of Correction

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) reports one inmate is dead after an assault which took place in the yard near a housing unit at High Desert State Prison about 30 miles north of Las Vegas.

At approximately 2:00 pm Inmate Ralph Goodman, #81345, was being escorted by a correctional officer to his housing unit. Inmates from a nearby housing unit who were outside, were cleared to the far side of the yard and were being supervised by two correctional officers. Two inmates, Jeremy Nuckles, #53628, and Justin Muncy, #1120718, allegedly charged across the yard toward inmate Goodman. Officers deployed pepper spray hitting the assailants with little effect. The attackers knocked Goodman to the ground and stabbed him. Correctional Officers stopped the attack and restrained the assailants. Medical was called to the scene.

Officers immediately began lifesaving measures and continued until Life Flight arrived and medics pronounced Goodman dead at approximately 3:13 pm.

"The safety of our staff and the inmates is paramount," stated Director James Dzurenda. "I have confidence in our investigative team. When we have all the facts, those responsible will be held accountable. We take these types of incidents extremely seriously."

All three of the involved inmates were committed from Clark County. Goodman was serving 2 life sentences for Murder first degree, and other related charges and arrived at NDOC May 21, 2004. Muncy arrived November 23, 2015 and is serving 3 to 10 years for Robbery. Nuckles is serving 10 to 60 years for Robbery Victim over 65 and other related charges.

The Inspector General's office is conducting the investigation. The Clark County Coroner responded and an autopsy is being scheduled. Next of kin have been notified.



Ralph Goodman

The Nevada Department of Corrections houses approximately 13,500 inmates in 18 facilities throughout the state. We are committed to the safety of the public, employees and offenders.