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PRESS RELEASE

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The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) reports that on late Sunday, July 26, 2015, Inmate James Bessette, NDOC #26474, died at the Regional Medical Facility at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City, Nevada. Inmate Bessette was a 63-year-old male committed from Clark County. Inmate Bessette was first admitted to NDOC on July 26, 1988 and sentenced to 5 years to life with parole for sexual assault, a consecutive 5 years to life with parole for a victim over 65 enhancement, and 10 years for grand larceny of a motor vehicle. Inmate Bessette was paroled on these sentences on June 25, 2009. Inmate Bessette returned to NDOC on March 14, 2012 from Clark County serving 28 to 72 months for coercion. The Coroner from the Carson City Sheriff's Office responded to the institution. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death. Next of kin have been notified.



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