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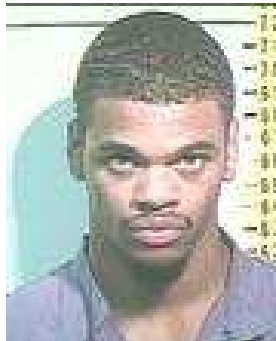
Inmate Dies in Attack at Northern Nevada Correctional Center

The Nevada Department of Corrections reports one inmate is dead after an attack that occurred at Northern Nevada Correction Center in Carson City, NV.

May 15, 2018, at approximately 3:32 PM an inmate doing a life sentence for first degree murder attacked another inmate with a prison made weapon. The victim, Inmate Thayer Joseph Burton, #1040822, was attacked and stabbed in a hallway area of the housing unit. Burton began to run toward staff. The officer in the housing unit responded toward the inmate and immediately called for assistance. Multiple correctional officers and medical staff responded and attempted life saving measures but Thayer succumbed to his injuries. He was pronounced dead by the staff physician at approximately 4:00 PM.

Thayer Burton was committed from Clark County September 14, 2009. He was sentenced to Life for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Conspiracy to Commit Violent Crime, Robbery, Murder First Degree and Use of a Deadly Weapon Enhancement. Next of kin have been notified and an autopsy will be scheduled Per NRS.209.3815.

Investigators have identified the suspect. The investigation is ongoing and more information will be released as it becomes available.



Thayer Joseph Burton

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