The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) reports that on Oct. 2, 2021, Inmate Ernest Hightower, #96084, was pronounced dead at the Regional Medical Facility at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center in Carson City. Hightower, 61, was serving a sentence of 14-36 months for Attempted Possession of Controlled Substance and 12-30 months for Possession of Controlled Substance. He came to the NDOC on April 20, 2020, from Clark County. An autopsy was requested per NRS 209.3815. Next-of-kin has been notified.