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Press Release

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The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) reports that on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at approximately 12:01 PM, Inmate James A. Garner, #1023171, was killed in his cell at Ely State Prison in Ely, Nevada. Garner, a 37-year-old male and U.S. citizen, was a Clark County commit serving a sentence of Life with the possibility of Parole for Murder in the 2nd Degree, Use of a Deadly Weapon, and Battery by Prisoner. Garner was eligible for parole on December 14, 2034.

Garner's cellmate was Inmate Damian Robins, #1165878, a 36-year old male and U.S. citizen. Robins' is a Clark County commit serving a sentence of 34-85 years for Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Assault with a Deadly Weapon. For these crimes, he is eligible for parole on October 23, 2058.

When NDOC correctional officers responded to the inmate's cell, they found that Inmate Garner had sustained multiple stab wounds to his head and torso. Inmate Robins was immediately moved to the segregation unit, while CPR was performed on Garner until the Coroner pronounced him deceased. Robins suffered non-life threatening injuries during the incident and is receiving care at a local hospital. The White Pine County Sherriff's department is leading the investigation, with NDOC's Inspector General supporting.

An autopsy will be scheduled per NRS 209.3815. Garner's next-of-kin have been notified.



James Garner (Deceased)



Damien Robins (Subject)

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