



# News Release

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## Snake River Correctional Institution reports inmate death

An Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate died unexpectedly early Thursday morning at the Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario. As with all unanticipated deaths in state prisons, the Oregon State Police Criminal Investigations Unit is conducting an investigation.

At approximately 4:30 a.m., Thursday, February 25, staff responded to the cell where inmate Michael Teves was assigned. Upon arrival, medical staff determined that he was deceased. Teves was 22 years old.



*Michael Teves*

Teves entered DOC custody on November 6, 2014, on one count of assault in the second degree out of Lane County. His earliest release date was December 9, 2016.

Next of kin has been notified. No other details are available at this time.

SRCI is a multi-custody prison in Ontario that houses approximately 3,000 male inmates. SRCI has multiple special housing units including disciplinary segregation, intensive management, infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care, and an administrative segregation unit. SRCI participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises including a contact center, laundry, and sign shop. SRCI specializes in incentive housing, specialized housing, inmates with mental health/medical vulnerabilities, education and trades programs, cognitive and parenting programs, and institution work programs. SRCI opened in 1991 and is the largest correctional institution in the state.

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