Record of Death

Provided by South Carolina Department of Corrections, February 1, 2022

Name: WATKIN,JAMES CHARLES

SCDC#: 138359

Sex: M

Race/ethnicity: Black or African American, not of Hispanic origin

Date of birth: 8/4/1963

Date of commitment: 6/27/1994

Date of death: 5/4/2020

Cause of death: Natural Cause

Assigned institution: MCCORMICK

Death location: MCCORMICK

DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REPORT OF INMATE DEATH

(Sections 24-9-35 and 17-7-10, South Carolina Code of Laws)
(Standards 1047 and 1049, Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities in South Carolina)
(SCDC Policies/Procedures HS-18.04 and PS-10.05)

1. FACILITY: McCormick Correctional Institution

2. NAME OF DECEASED: James Charles Watkins SCDC# 138359

3. HOME ADDRESS: [redacted]

4. DESCRIPTION: DOB [redacted] HEIGHT 5'8" WEIGHT 146 HAIR Black

EYES Brown SEX Male RACE Black SOC SEC # [redacted]

5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Murder

SENTENCED ☒ PRETRIAL ☐

6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 6/27/94

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED: Chaplain Barber has been attempting to contact family but has been unable to reach anyone at this time.

8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: [redacted]

9. CAUSE OF DEATH: To be determined

10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: 2:50 a.m. ____ p.m. 4 day May month 2020 year

11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: McCormick County Coroner Fay Puckett

12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: McCormick County Coroner Fay Puckett

13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: Pressley Funeral Home

14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY:
Inmate Watkins died at [redacted] with OFC White and OFC Thompson present.

15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 909 (Actual Count) 8 (# of Officers on Duty)

16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 2:50 a.m. at [redacted] Emergency Room.

NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502

MAIL OR DELIVER REPORT TO:

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