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September 6, 2022
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RE: Involving deaths at the facility for the years 2014-2022

Dear XXXXXX,

The request you made of us for records regarding the above have yielded the following results from our records:

1. One (1) Report from St Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center attached

These are all the records we have on this matter for this request. I certify these records are a true copy of the original. If you need any other assistance please contact us again.

Thank you,

Mary Lynn McGoff

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Please see the requested records for the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center for the **In Custody Deaths** as per your records request.

- Clarenece Clark **Date of Death 10/25/2014** St. Mary Parish law Enforement Center Centerville, LA **DOB:** 12/17/1967 **Race/Sex:** Black/Male, nonhispanic
- SCULLY STERLING A **Date of Death 08/20/2016** St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center Centerville LA **DOB:** 10/09/1963 **Race/Sex:** White/Male, non-Hispanic
- FREDERICK RODNEY P **Date of Death 09/28/2017** St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center Centerville LA **DOB:** 06/19/1958 **Race/Sex:** White/Male, non-Hispanic

There were no deaths at the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center from 2017 to current. If you have any futher questions please contact me at s.poleder@stmaryso.com. All other contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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I regards to you request...

"In addition to the information that you gave me, could you tell me when the three deceased men entered the jail, what their trial status was, and where they died in the facility (such as what unit)? I also need to know the cause of death for each individual and if a medical death, the death was due to a pre-existing condition. This is all for a school project, so I really appreciate your help."

All offenders were housed at the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center and died there.

1) Clarence Clark B/M DOB 12/17/1967 non-Hispanic
   DOC inmate -Sentenced to 10 months hard labor and died in Wolf B dorm.

2) Sterling Scully W/M DOB 10/09/1963 non-Hispanic
   Trial court date was set for 08/22/2016. The offender was in the Sallyport when he died.

3) Rodney Frederick W/M DOB 06/19/1958 non-Hispanic
   Trial court date was set for 12/04/2017. The offender died in Holding cell 136 in Booking.

I am unsure of the cause of death for these offenders as their deaths were investigated by detectives with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.

Sincerely,
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SHERIFF: FOUL PLAY NOT SUSPECTED IN INMATE DEATH

Mon, 2014-10-27 14:31 Harlan Kirgan

CENTERVILLE, LA. -- *Staff Report*

Foul play is not suspected in the death of a 46-year-old Franklin man who had been incarcerated at the parish jail and was found unresponsive Saturday in his bunk, St. Mary Parish Sheriff Mark Hebert said in a news release.

On Saturday morning, at the St. Mary Parish Law Enforcement Center in Centerville, a jailer conducting a count in a dorm located an unresponsive inmate in a bunk, Hebert said. Medical staff responded immediately and Acadian Ambulance was called to the location.

Despite their efforts, Clarence Clark III, 46, of Franklin, was pronounced dead by the St. Mary Parish coroner at 8 a.m. Saturday, Hebert said. As per St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office procedure, an investigation is underway pending the outcome of the coroner's autopsy report.

No foul play is suspected at this point in the investigation, Hebert said.

Clark, a Department of Corrections prisoner, had been incarcerated since March and was serving time on a five-year sentence for second degree battery, the release stated.

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