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Three state inmates die in hospitals

JACKSON – Three state inmates at three facilities have died in the hospital.

Foul play is not suspected in any of the deaths. In each case, the cause and the manner of death are pending an autopsy.

Melvin Earl Thomas, 66, MDOC #31892 at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility, died Friday night at Merit Health Rankin in Brandon. He was sentenced Feb. 19, 2008, to serve 20 years for armed robbery after pleading guilty to holding up a store in Perry County on Aug. 20, 2007.

J C Ormand, 91, MDOC #56747 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, died Saturday morning at the prison hospital. He had been serving a life sentence since Aug. 19, 1992, for raping a child in 1988 in Lauderdale County.

Carl Shane Cox, 48, MDOC #217254 at the George County Regional Correctional Facility, also died Saturday morning. He was pronounced dead at the George County Hospital in Lucedale. Cox was sentenced Jan. 21, 2020, to serve three years for false pretense in Harrison County.

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