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Two inmates die in different locations

JACKSON, MS (Sept. 22, 2020) – Two inmates with sentences ranging from 45 years to life have died in different locations.

Thomas C. Parker, 40, MDOC #101223, died today at Northwest Mississippi Medical Center in Clarksdale. He was serving life without parole at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman for capital murder. He pleaded guilty Oct. 4, 2010, to stabbing to death a female homeowner during a robbery in DeSoto County. He also has been convicted of possession of contraband within a correctional facility in Marshall County.

Lamarcus Lee Hillard died Saturday at a federal prison in Florence, Colo. Release of his death was pending confirmation that next of kin had been notified.

Hillard, MDOC #K3739, was serving a total of 45 years for two convictions. The 40-year-old man received 25 years in January 2003 for possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute in Hinds County and 20 years in February 2008 for manslaughter in Sunflower County.

In each case, the cause and the manner of death are pending an autopsy.

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