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## **INMATE'S DEATH AT PARCHMAN UNDER INVESTIGATION**

**JACKSON** – State inmate Thomas Smith, #133795, was found dead early Monday morning in his unit at Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman.

Smith, 38, was housed at Unit 28, a minimum-medium custody unit for inmate workers. He was found at 4 a.m. as officers were preparing to awake inmates for the morning breakfast detail. The death is under investigation.

Smith was sentenced to life on Nov. 1, 2007, after a jury convicted him of murder in Oktibbeha County.

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