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## State inmate dies in Jackson hospital

JACKSON – An inmate serving two sentences, including life, at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County has died.

Jessie Minnifield, 75, who was receiving specialty care, died Friday night at Merit Health Central in Jackson. An autopsy will determine the official cause and the manner of death.

Minnifield, MDOC #33279, was convicted of murder/homicide in 1979 and aggravated assault in 2011, which occurred while he was on parole. Both crimes occurred in Clay County.