

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **MDOC Investigating Inmate Death at SMCI**

JACKSON – The Mississippi Department of Corrections is investigating the Wednesday morning death of 57-year-old Eddie Shorty at South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville.

Shorty was pronounced dead at 4:16 a.m. at the prison hospital. He was found unconscious in his cell, which he shared with another inmate, during a cell check.

Shorty, MDOC #26507, was serving 30 years for armed robbery in DeSoto County. He was sentenced May 28, 1999.

The cause and the manner of death are pending an autopsy.