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Inmate Death Investigated at Utah State Prison

DRAPER – An inmate was found unresponsive in the outdoor yard of the Olympus Facility at the Utah State Prison Sunday morning and was later declared deceased. The death is being investigated to determine the exact cause and there are no obvious signs of foul play.

Correctional Officers found Martin Joseph MacNeill, 60, near the greenhouse in the Olympus yard. The officers started CPR and called for emergency responders, who continued life-saving efforts upon arrival. MacNeill was unable to be revived and was pronounced dead at the facility.

Unified Police is handling the investigation into MacNeill's death. The Utah Department of Corrections' Law Enforcement Bureau will assist in the investigation.

MacNeill had been incarcerated since September 2014 for convictions of first-degree murder, second-degree obstruction of justice and second-degree forcible sex abuse. His first parole hearing was set for 2052.

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