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## **DPS&C Statement on Death of Offender Derrick Todd Lee**

DPS&C Offender Derrick Todd Lee died shortly before 9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016 while receiving medical care at a local hospital. Lee was transported from Louisiana State Penitentiary for emergency care early Saturday morning (January 16).

An autopsy will be performed and an official cause of death will be released when appropriate.

Lee was convicted of first degree murder (19th JDC) and sentenced to death. He was received at Louisiana State Penitentiary on 10/14/04. He also had a second degree murder conviction (18th JDC).

The Department cannot make any additional comments about Lee's medical condition or circumstances of his death due to federal and state privacy laws.

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