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Confirmed Death at Louisiana State Penitentiary

Aggravated fight between inmates results in loss of life

Baton Rouge, LA – The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections is announcing the death of a 35-year-old Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP) inmate, Jonathan Robertson on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The West Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office arrested another LSP inmate, Melvin Lopez on the charge of murder for the alleged stabbing.

Robertson was serving a 75-year sentence for armed robbery and attempted armed robbery that was ordered on Dec. 11, 2019. He had been housed at LSP since Feb. 2, 2020.

Lopez, 43 years of age, is currently serving a life sentence for second degree murder. He was sentenced for that crime on Nov. 18, 2016 and has been at LSP since Feb. 27, 2017.

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