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Montana State Prison inmate Ronald James Ward Jr. #2009194 died on Wednesday, April 9th at approximately 6:05 p.m. Inmate Ward was found in his cell in a high security housing unit. He was transported to a local hospital and died at approximately 7:00 p.m. Inmate Ward's death was unexpected. An autopsy will be performed by the state medical examiner.

Inmate Ward received the following sentences.

Ravalli County - Deliberate Homicide, Use of a Dangerous Weapon – 100 years, 10 years consecutive.

Powell County- Assault on a Peace Officer – 4 years consecutive.

Powell County- Riot, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Prisoner– 5 years, 10 years concurrent, consecutive.

Inmate Ward was eligible for parole 12-23-2036 and had a discharge date of Life plus 24 years.

If you have further questions, please call at the number listed above. Thank you