



TJJD Employee Dies From Complications Related to COVID-19

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AUSTIN—Camille Cain, the Executive Director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, issued this statement on the death of Marcus Smith, who passed away today at the age of 48 after having been hospitalized for complications related to COVID-19:

“Our entire agency is heart-broken over the loss of Marcus Smith, a beloved coach at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility, in Mart. Marcus joined this agency in 1995 because he cared deeply about working with youth, and over the years he set a wonderful example of professionalism and compassion for his colleagues. Marcus had dedicated his career to helping kids in need, and we mourn alongside his family, colleagues, and countless friends.”

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