



Indiana State Prison  
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In photo: Willie Steele

### **Offender Stabbed at Indiana State Prison**

Michigan City, IN – On Wednesday July 26, 2017 at 4:33 a.m. at the Indiana State Prison, Offender Willie Steele was found on the unit where he was assigned as a facility worker with a stab wound. A facility medical emergency was immediately declared. LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services were alerted and transported Steele to Franciscan Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at approximately 7:30 am.

Steele, 49 of Gary Indiana was serving 65 years for two murder convictions with a consecutive sentence of 15 years for Criminal Confinement from Lake County, Indiana. His earliest possible release date had been November 14, 2049.

A suspect offender has been identified and has been placed in a restricted housing unit within the facility.

An investigation is being conducted by the Indiana Department of Correction Division of Investigations and Intelligence, the Indiana State Police, the LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office, and the LaPorte County Coroner's Office. An autopsy is pending.

About the Indiana State Prison: Built in 1860, The Indiana State Prison is the oldest correctional facility in the Indiana Department of Correction. The Indiana State Prison is located on 100 acres of land on Michigan City's west side. The physical plant consists of 51 buildings, which include 13 offender-housing units, steam plant, garage, warehouse, industries buildings, and 5 staff housing units. The walled compound surrounds 24 acres of land. Located on the same grounds outside the wall is a medium/minimum security unit.



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