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Donnie Benzel, inmate #71130, who was taken to Bryan LGH West on August 15, 2011, due to a medical emergency, died there on August 17, 2011, at approximately 1657 hours. Mr. Benzel was 56 years old and had been incarcerated since February 24, 2010. He was serving 3 years, 4 months to 6 years for two counts of visual depiction/sexually explicit conduct out of Box Butte County.

As is the case whenever an inmate dies in custody of the Department of Correctional Services, a grand jury will conduct an investigation.

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