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PRESS RELEASE

Inmate Death: Aaron Scott Merritt

November 28, 2025 (Anchorage) On 11/26/2025, Aaron Scott Merritt, 45, was pronounced dead at 1733 hours.

Merritt was most recently housed at Anchorage Correctional Complex.

Merritt was remanded to DOC on October 30, 2025, and was unsentenced, charged with Sexual Abuse of a Minor 1 (3 counts); Sexual Abuse of a Minor 2 (8 counts); Sexual Abuse of a Minor 3; Sexual Assault 1 (5 counts); Sexual Assault 2.

At this time, no foul play is suspected; however, the cause of death is only determined by the State Medical Examiner. Due to privacy and security, Alaska DOC cannot release confidential personal information or medical information due to HIPAA regulations.

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