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Inmate Allegedly Killed by Cellmate at WCI

TOWSON, MD (April 16, 2009)--- A 23-year old inmate serving life on a murder conviction was killed early this morning during a fight in his cell at the Western Correctional Institution near Cumberland.

The suspect in the case is the man's 43-year old cellmate, who is serving 25 years for assault, robbery, and weapons charges.

A correctional officer making rounds witnessed the two inmates fighting inside their cell between 2 and 3 a.m. Thursday.

The injured inmate was immediately given medical attention on-site, then taken by ambulance to a hospital in Cumberland, where he was pronounced dead.

DPSCS Internal Investigative Unit detectives were on the scene this morning and will assist Maryland State Police, which will be the primary investigating agency.

Both inmates were on maximum-security status and both are from the Baltimore-Washington area. DPSCS is not naming either inmate at this time.

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