



# BIENVILLE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Pursuant to your public records request regarding "deaths in custody" within the Bienville Parish Jail between the dates of January 1, 2020 and December 30, 2023.

The Bienville Parish Jail reports zero deaths during the aforementioned dates. The Department of Justice requires us to report all in custody deaths, if we have no deaths, no paperwork is required. Several years ago, the DOJ thru another entity reached out to various correctional facilities to gather "death in custody information and inmate statistics", however, they no longer do.

Should I be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Price".

Randy Price, Chief Deputy  
Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office