



HIV-Positive Florida Prisoner Betsie Gallardo Dies

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Betsie Gallardo, an HIV-positive inmate in Florida who was terminally ill with cancer, has died, the *American Independent* reports. In 2009, Gallardo was sentenced to five years in prison for battery of a law enforcement agent. Advocates said the charges and punishment were harsher because of Gallardo's HIV status. Gallardo received a medical release in January after state lawmakers and advocates lobbied on her behalf.

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