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A devastated mum has told of her grief and her pursuit of answers after her son became the fifth inmate to die at a private prison in a year. Michael McDonagh, 27, was pronounced dead after he was found unresponsive in his cell at HMP Forest Bank on February 19. The dad-of-one had been returned to custody at the Category B prison, run by Sodexo on behalf of the Ministry of Justice, following a serious driving offence last year. His mum, Margaret McDonagh, said he suffered from mental health problems, telling the Manchester Evening News he should not have been moved from a wing for vulnerable prisoners. Prison bosses are investigating Michael's death at the Salford prison, and said the cause is not yet known. His mum, from Failsworth, Oldham, said: "He had paranoid schizophrenia - he was not well. "I pleaded for him to be moved. He never should have been in prison. I asked for him to be sectioned. "If they had moved him from that kennel he may still be alive." Margaret has criticised prison bosses and is demanding answers as an internal investigation and a probe by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman are carried out. An inquest is expected to take place within months. Margaret claims her son was unhappy at HMP Forest Bank, where he was jailed following an incident in July last year. Michael was on licence, having served half a seven-year sentence for aggravated burglary, when he took an overdose before rowing with his ex-girlfriend and stealing her car - which he then crashed and torched, the Manchester Evening News reported last month. Margaret said he was being held in a vulnerable prisoners' wing but was moved to a general population wing. She added: "He said he didn't like it. He told me 'it's bad, mum'. "As a mum to have your child in a zoo, because that's what it is, is awful. He kept asking me day in and day out get him out. He said 'I need to get out mum, I need to get out. "He would have been out in 18 months. "(Everyone in the prison) they have all done stuff but they are human and that's my baby. How many deaths will happen in that jail before anyone listens? "I would never wish this pain on any other mother." Margaret blasted the prison over its handling of the case and claims she has struggled to get information about how her son died. Related video: Shocking footage shows inmate pass drugs from his body She claims the news of her son's death was delivered over the phone because she wasn't home when two prison officials knocked on her door. Margaret said: "I had a phone call the morning he died saying 'Is this Margaret McDonagh? We need to speak to you. We're at your house'. "I told them not to go in the house because my children were in there. I was saying 'what's wrong, what's happened?' They said Michael had been found that morning deceased. "I was on the phone in my car. I was screaming." She added: "They have not given me any explanation. I don't know what happened to him. "They said it looked like he had fallen asleep watching TV." Margaret claims she called the prison chaplain for comfort, but her call was not returned, and she was only allowed to see her son's body through glass when she visited the mortuary. She added: "I've not been able to kiss him or touch him. I just want him home. I saw him but I couldn't go near him. He was so beautiful. Such a beautiful son. "He was a fun-loving, loveable, beautiful, warm hearted boy." It is understood the prison director and a family liaison officer visited Margaret at home the day her son died, the Manchester Evening News reports. HMP Forest Bank is run by Sodexo for the Ministry of Justice. A spokesperson said: "We can confirm that a prisoner died on Tuesday 19 February at HMP Forest Bank. "Our thoughts are with the family and we continue to provide them with support through our family liaison officer. "As with all deaths in custody, there will be an investigation by the police and the independent Prisons and Probation Ombudsman and therefore we are unable to comment further at this stage."