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PRESS RELEASE

Hostage Situation – James T. Vaughn Correctional Center

The Department of Correction Response Teams and the Delaware State Police continue to investigate a hostage situation at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in Smyrna.

At 5:06 a.m., Delaware State Police breached the C Building. One of the hostages who is a DOC employee was safely rescued and is being examined at a local hospital. She is alert and talking. The remaining hostage, also a DOC employee, was found unresponsive upon entry. He was pronounced dead at 5:29 a.m.

Building C is secured.

The Department of Correction continues to operate under emergency procedures.

The DOC will release additional information as it is appropriate.

Governor Carney, Secretary Coupe, and Commissioner Phelps will host a press conference at 10:30 a.m. at Delaware State Police Troop 2 in Glasgow.

Location:

**Delaware State Police Troop 2
100 Lagrange Avenue
Newark, DE 19702**