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DOC announces inmate death from longstanding non-COVID illness

Dover, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **William L. Davis**, a 71 year-old inmate with underlying health conditions from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center, died on Sunday, September 13 at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus from complications from coronary artery disease.

Davis had most recently been hospitalized at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus for heart disease-related complications since August 26, 2020. As symptoms worsened he was placed on comfort care. Davis was pronounced dead by hospital staff at 10:54 p.m. on September 13. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Davis, from Wilmington, DE, has been in DOC custody since 1975 and was serving two life sentences for Attempted 1st Degree Murder and Possession of a Dangerous Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

If you are a crime victim in need of assistance, you are encouraged to call DOC Victim Services at 302-857-5440.