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DOC announces inmate death from non-COVID illness

Dover, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Ronald W. Williamson**, a 75 year-old inmate with serious underlying health conditions, died on Saturday, October 3 at Christiana Hospital from complications from lung cancer.

Williamson had been hospitalized at Christiana Hospital for cancer-related complications since August 31, 2020. His family was involved in the medical decision-making process, and as symptoms worsened he was placed on hospice care. Williamson was pronounced dead by hospital staff at 7:44 a.m. on October 3. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science.

Williamson, from Laurel, DE, has been held in DOC custody without bail at the Delaware Psychiatric Center since 2011 on the charges of 1st Degree Murder, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Assault, Attempted Assault, Aggravated Menacing, Kidnapping, Resisting Arrest, and Burglary.

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