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DOC announces inmate death from non-COVID illness

Dover, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **William Duggan**, a 81 year-old inmate with serious underlying health conditions, died on Monday, October 26 at Christiana Hospital.

Duggan, a detentioner who was committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution last Thursday, had been receiving care in the prison infirmary since October 25. Early Monday morning he was transported to the hospital in medical distress. Lifesaving measures, including emergency surgery, were undertaken. Duggan was pronounced dead at 2:18 p.m. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Duggan, from Elsmere, DE has been in DOC custody since October 22 in lieu of \$150,000 cash bail on charges of Unlawful Sexual Contact, 2nd Degree Rape, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Sexual Abuse by a Person in a Position of Trust, and Sexual Extortion. As required by Delaware law, DOC has made proper alleged victim notifications before releasing this information to the public.

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