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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Dover, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Paul V. Delar**, a 74 year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) with a history of significant chronic health conditions, including hypertension, heart disease, and respiratory illness, died at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus on Saturday, May 29.

Delar, who had been housed in the JTVCC infirmary for monitoring and care for his chronic conditions, was admitted earlier this week to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus as his treatment needs became more acute. His condition continued to deteriorate and Delar was pronounced dead by hospital staff at 10:25 a.m. on May 29.

Delar, of Newark, Delaware, has been in DOC custody since 1998 and was serving a 40-year sentence for Unlawful Sexual Contact First Degree. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

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

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