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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Dover, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **George W. Gray**, a 79 year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) with a history of chronic health conditions, including hypertension, diabetes, and COPD died at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus on Friday, June 11.

Gray was admitted to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus on May 26 for shortness of breath. Further assessment revealed a diagnosis of aggressive metastatic lung cancer. Treatment was immediately initiated but his condition continued to deteriorate and he was placed on comfort care. Gray was pronounced dead by hospital staff at 12:47 p.m. on June 11.

Gray, of Laurel, Delaware, has been in DOC custody since 1977 and was serving a life sentence for Murder 1st Degree, Kidnapping 1st Degree, and Robbery 2nd Degree. His body will be 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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