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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Dover, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Kimberly A. Barnett**, a 47 year-old inmate from Baylor Women's Correctional Institution with multiple underlying chronic medical conditions died unexpectedly at the prison on July 2.

Barnett was found unresponsive in her single occupant cell during a routine security check shortly after 11:30 p.m. on July 1. CPR was immediately initiated by security and on-site medical staff. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paramedics were dispatched to the facility and continued life saving measures. Barnett was pronounced dead at BWCI by EMS at 12:34 a.m. on July 2.

Barnett, of Seaford, DE has been in DOC custody since June 29, 2021 and was being held in detention on \$9,000 cash bail for Falsifying Business Records, Theft by False Pretenses, Conspiracy, Theft over \$1,500, and related charges. Her body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Foul play is not suspected. A death investigation is being conducted by Delaware State Police and is pending at this time.

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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