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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Dover, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Edward G. Rutledge**, a 61 year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center with a past history of hypertension, hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol), COPD, and reflux disease died at the facility on July 19.

Rutledge was found unresponsive in his cell by security staff at 7:33 a.m. and a medical alert was issued. He was found to have no pulse and correctional officers immediately initiated CPR, joined by facility medical staff. Additional lifesaving measures were undertaken by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paramedics upon their arrival. Rutledge was pronounced dead by EMS Paramedics at 8:16 a.m. on July 19.

Rutledge, of Frederica, DE has been in DOC custody since November, 2005 and was serving a 45-year prison sentence for multiple counts of Rape 1st Degree of a child and Compiling Child Pornography. His 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.