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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Wilmington, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Curtis M. Collins**, a 58 year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) died on Sunday, May 29.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. Collins reported difficulty breathing and chest pain. Security and medical staff immediately responded and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paramedics were dispatched. While Paramedics were en route Collins became unresponsive and lifesaving measures were initiated. Paramedics arrived and continued lifesaving measures while transporting Collins to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus. Collins was pronounced dead by hospital medical staff at 3:37 p.m. on May 29. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Foul play is not suspected.

Collins, of Providence, Rhode Island, had been in DOC custody since 2003 and was serving a 28-year sentence for Robbery 1st Degree, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Weapon by a Person Prohibited.

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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