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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Georgetown, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Wilmer A. Jenkins**, an 80 year-old inmate from Sussex Correctional Institution, died on Tuesday, June 14.

Jenkins, who had been receiving care from onsite medical providers and outside specialists for significant chronic health conditions, was found unresponsive during a routine check at 4:18 a.m. Security and medical staff immediately initiated lifesaving measures and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paramedics were dispatched. EMS continued lifesaving measures upon arrival. Jenkins was pronounced dead at 4:55 a.m. on June 14. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Jenkins, of Seaford, Delaware, had been in DOC custody since 2009 and was serving a 16-year sentence for Rape 2nd Degree.

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