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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Wilmington, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Shakur Black**, a 25-year-old inmate from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution, died at the facility on July 8.

At approximately 9:55 a.m. security and medical staff responded to a medical alert in Black's cell. He was found unresponsive with no pulse and CPR was immediately initiated. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paramedics were dispatched and additional lifesaving measures were undertaken by EMS Paramedics upon their arrival. Black was pronounced dead by EMS Paramedics at 10:35 a.m. on July 8.

Black, of Wilmington, DE, has been in DOC custody since May 12, 2022 and was being held as a detentioner in lieu of \$186,000 cash bail on Violations of Probation for Criminal Contempt and Theft and charges of Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Firearm, Possession of a Deadly Weapon, and Possession with the Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

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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