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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Wilmington, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that Mark Riley, a 35-year-old inmate from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI), died at ChristianaCare Wilmington Hospital on Wednesday, November 30.

Riley was being housed in the prison infirmary. On the morning of November 28 Riley was found unresponsive in his cell in the infirmary housing area. An emergency alert was issued, CPR was immediately initiated by facility medical and security staff, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paramedics were dispatched. Additional lifesaving measures were undertaken by EMS Paramedics upon their arrival and Riley was transported to ChristianaCare Wilmington Hospital. His condition continued to deteriorate and Riley was pronounced dead by hospital medical staff at 4:39 a.m. on November 30. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Consistent with DOC policy and practice, because this was an unanticipated inmate death the Delaware State Police was notified and responded to HRYCI to conduct an independent death investigation.

Riley, of Bear, DE, has been in DOC custody since November 22, 2022 and was being held as a pre-trial detainer in lieu of \$351,000 cash bail for multiple charges of Sexual Abuse of a Child, Rape Second Degree of a Child, Unsolicited Sexual Contact with a Child, and Indecent Exposure.

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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