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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Smyrna, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of Brandon L. Panchigar, a 36-year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC).

On Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at approximately 1:00 p.m. Panchigar was observed by Correctional Officers in his single occupant cell unconscious from an apparent suicide attempt. A medical alert was issued and life-saving measures were immediately initiated. Emergency Medical Services Paramedics arrived, continued life-saving measures, and initiated transport to an area hospital. Panchigar was pronounced dead at 1:44 p.m. while en route to an area hospital.

Delaware State Police were contacted and responded to JTVCC on January 11, 2023 to conduct an independent death investigation. Panchigar's body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Panchigar was being held in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail on a Violation of Probation for Robbery 1st Degree and Robbery 2nd Degree and an additional \$10,000 secured bail for Assault in a Detention facility.

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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