



# NEWS RELEASE

## DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

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## DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

**Dover, DE** – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **Joseph Robinson**, a 30-year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC).

On Thursday, August 10, 2023 at approximately 1:30 p.m. during a routine security check Robinson was observed by Correctional Officers alone in his cell unconscious from an apparent suicide attempt. A medical alert was issued and life-saving measures were immediately initiated by Correctional Officers, joined by facility medical staff. Emergency Medical Services Paramedics arrived, continued life-saving measures, and initiated transport to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus. Robinson was pronounced dead at 2:35 p.m. on Thursday, August 10 at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus.

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

Robinson, of Penns Grove, NJ was being held on a detainer as a Fugitive from Another State pending extradition to New Jersey on charges of Robbery, Possession of a Controlled Deadly Substance, and Shoplifting.

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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