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DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

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DOC announces non-COVID inmate death

Smyrna, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **David Detwiler**, a 49-year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) with a history of chronic illness.

On Thursday, August 17, 2023 at approximately 6:51 p.m. Detwiler was walking between buildings on the prison compound when he was observed suddenly losing consciousness and falling to the ground. A medical alert was issued and life-saving measures were immediately initiated by Correctional Officers, joined by facility medical staff. Detwiler was transported to the prison infirmary, Emergency Medical Services Paramedics arrived and life-saving measures were continued. Detwiler was pronounced dead at 7:33 p.m. on Thursday, August 17 at the JTVCC infirmary.

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

Detwiler, of Seaford, DE, has been in DOC custody since 2015 and was serving a 12-year prison sentence for Terroristic Threatening.

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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