



# NEWS RELEASE

## DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

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## DOC announces inmate death

**Dover, DE --** The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Richard Gutridge**, a 65-year-old inmate from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC), died on Sunday, January 21.

Gutridge had been housed in the prison infirmary where he was receiving monitoring and care for chronic medical conditions. On Saturday, January 20, he was transported to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus, for treatment. His condition continued to deteriorate and he was pronounced dead at Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus at 11:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 21.

Delaware State Police was contacted to initiate an independent death investigation. Gutridge's body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Gutridge, of Edgemoor, DE, had been in DOC custody since 1985 and was serving a Life sentence for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Rape.

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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