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DOC announces inmate death

Smyrna, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that **Harry Samuel**, a 61 year-old inmate with underlying health conditions from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center, died on Monday, April 22.

Samuel had been housed in the prison infirmary for monitoring and care of significant chronic health conditions. On April 22 at approximately 5:00 a.m. facility medical staff found Samuel unresponsive and not breathing in his infirmary cell during a routine medical check. A medical alert was issued and CPR was immediately initiated. Paramedics arrived and continued lifesaving measures. Samuel was pronounced dead in the JTVCC infirmary by medical staff at 5:37 a.m. on April 22. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Samuel, from Newark, DE has been in DOC custody since 1995 and was serving a 98-year sentence for two counts of Assault in a Detention Facility and four counts of Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony.

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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