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DOC announces inmate death

Georgetown, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **Jason Corkell**, a 40 year-old inmate from Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI).

On Thursday, June 26 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Corkell demonstrated symptoms of illness in his housing unit. While Corkell was being escorted by security and medical staff to the SCI infirmary for assessment, Corkell suddenly became unresponsive. Medical staff immediately initiated lifesaving measures. Emergency Medical Services Paramedics arrived, continued life-saving measures, and initiated transport to Beebe Hospital. Those measures were unsuccessful and Corkell was pronounced dead at Beebe Hospital at 5:37 p.m. on June 26. His body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Corkell, of Felton, DE had been in DOC custody since June 25, 2025 and was being held pending a Violation of Probation hearing for a Shoplifting conviction.

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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