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DOC announces inmate death

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **John Michael Wilson**, a 34 year-old inmate from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI).

On Friday, October 17, at approximately 3:57 a.m. Wilson was observed unresponsive in his cell during a routine security check. A medical alert was issued and security and medical staff immediately initiated lifesaving measures. Emergency Medical Services Paramedics arrived and continued lifesaving measures. Those measures were unsuccessful, and Wilson was pronounced dead at HRYCI through Emergency Medical Services at 4:21 a.m. on October 17. His body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death. Delaware State Police were contacted and responded on-site to conduct an independent death investigation.

Wilson, of Lincoln, DE had been in DOC custody since October 15, 2025, and was being held in lieu of \$5,000 bail on 4th Offense DUI, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Have Insurance Identification, and Failure to Remain Within a Single Lane.

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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