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DOC announces inmate death

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **Bruce Porter**, a 53 year-old inmate from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI).

On Sunday, February 22 at approximately 5:30 a.m., Porter reported symptoms of illness to security staff who were assigned to his housing area and he was immediately escorted to the prison infirmary. Facility medical staff conducted an assessment and initiated transport via emergency medical services (EMS) at 5:50 a.m. to ChristianaCare Wilmington Hospital for further assessment and treatment. His condition deteriorated throughout the day, and Porter was pronounced dead at ChristianaCare Wilmington Hospital at 9:46 p.m. on February 22. His body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Porter, of Wilmington, DE had been in DOC custody since December, 1, 2025 and was serving an 18-month sentence for 5th offense Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

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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