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DOC announces inmate death

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **Patrick Evans**, a 55-year-old inmate from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI).

On Sunday, March 29, 2026, at approximately 2:50 p.m. during a routine medical check Evans was found alone in his single-occupant infirmary housing cell unconscious from an apparent suicide attempt. A medical alert was issued, and life-saving measures were immediately initiated by correctional medical and security staff. Emergency Medical Services Paramedics arrived and continued life-saving measures. Evans was pronounced dead at 3:24 p.m. at HRYCI by medical providers via the on-site Paramedics.

Delaware State Police were contacted and responded to HRYCI to conduct an independent death investigation. Evans' body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Evans, of Wilmington, DE had been in DOC custody since March 28, 2026, and was being held in lieu of \$10,302 bail on 5th Offense DUI, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While Suspended or Revoked, and Failure to Have Required Insurance.

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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