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DOC announces inmate deaths

Smyrna, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the deaths of two inmates with underlying health conditions from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC). 74 year-old **Gary Iverson** died at the facility on Monday, May 25 and 62 year-old **Stephen Forbes** died at the facility on Wednesday, May 27.

Iverson and Forbes had been housed in the prison infirmary for monitoring and care of significant chronic health conditions, and both were receiving hospice care. Iverson was pronounced dead in the JTVCC infirmary by medical staff at 4:05 a.m. on Monday, May 25. Forbes was pronounced dead in the JTVCC infirmary by medical staff at 9:39 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27.

Iverson, from Trainer, Pennsylvania, has been in DOC custody since 1983 and was serving a Life plus 79-year prison sentence for Kidnapping, Violation of Parole, Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Robbery, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Assault in a Detention Facility, and Conspiracy.

Forbes, from Townsend, Delaware, has been in DOC custody since 2017 and was serving a 12-year prison sentence for Sexual Exploitation of a Child and Possession of Child Pornography.

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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