

NEWS RELEASE

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DOC announces inmate death

Dover, DE – The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **James Elliott**, a 63-year-old inmate from Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI).

Elliott had been receiving treatment at the prison for significant chronic health conditions and he was subsequently transferred to Beebe Hospital for in-patient monitoring and treatment. Elliott's condition continued to deteriorate, and he was pronounced dead at Beebe Hospital at 8:35 p.m. on October 12.

Elliott's body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Elliott, of Laurel, DE, has been in DOC custody since September 3, 2026 and was being held on \$21,500 bail on charges of Vehicular Homicide, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

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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