



# NEWS RELEASE

## DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

### Commissioner Terra Taylor

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## DOC announces inmate death

**Georgetown, DE** -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of **Kevin Thompson**, a 40-year-old inmate from Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI).

On Sunday, August 11, 2024 at approximately 5:14 p.m. Thompson was found alone in his single-occupant cell unconscious from an apparent suicide attempt. A medical alert was issued and life-saving measures were immediately initiated by Correctional Officers, joined by facility medical staff. Emergency Medical Services Paramedics arrived, continued life-saving measures, and transported Thompson to Beebe Hospital. He was later pronounced dead at Beebe Hospital at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 11.

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

Thompson, of Dover, DE had been a detentioner in DOC custody since July 31, 2024 and was being held in lieu of \$33,000 cash bail and \$20,300 secured bail on a Violation of Probation for Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon and Conspiracy, Aggravated Menacing, Theft, Resisting Arrest, and other charges.

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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