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DOC announces inmate death

Wilmington, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that Santos Balmaceda, a 34 year-old inmate from Howard R. Young Correctional Center (HRYCI), died on Wednesday, September 4.

Balmaceda had been receiving care at St. Francis Hospital, where he was transported for treatment on September 1 after experiencing a medical emergency. His condition continued to deteriorate and Balmaceda was pronounced dead at St. Francis Hospital at 7:25 p.m. on September 4. Balmaceda's body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death. Delaware State Police were contacted by the DOC and responded to HRYCI to conduct an independent investigation.

Balmaceda, from Wilmington, DE, has been in DOC custody since August 27, 2024 in lieu of \$17,500 cash bail for Burglary, Theft, Conspiracy, Criminal Mischief and Possession of a Controlled or Counterfeit Substance.

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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