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DOC announces inmate death

Smyrna, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that Larry Brandner, a 78 year-old inmate with underlying health conditions from James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC), died on Wednesday, July 31.

Brandner was being housed in the prison infirmary for monitoring and treatment of multiple chronic medical conditions, and he had recently been placed in hospice care. On Wednesday, July 31 a routine security check at 7:25 a.m. found Brandner unresponsive in his room. Infirmary medical staff immediately responded and determined that he was not breathing with no pulse. Emergency Medical Services arrived on-site and pronounced him dead at 8:20 a.m. His body was released to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Brandner, from Lincoln, DE, had been in DOC custody since 1999 and was serving two life sentences for Rape 1st Degree.

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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