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DOC announces inmate death

Georgetown, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced the death of Maya Contractor, a 56-year-old inmate from Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI).

On Sunday, September 1, 2024 at approximately 6:30 a.m. Contractor was found unresponsive during a routine security check. 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 and continued life-saving measures. Contractor was declared dead at 7:18 a.m. at SCI by medical staff on Sunday, September 1.

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

Contractor, of Wilmington, DE had been a detentioner in DOC custody since August 31, 2024 and was being held in lieu of \$200 cash bail on charges of Offensive Touching and Disorderly Conduct.

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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