



# State of Connecticut Department of Correction

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## For Immediate Release

# Second Department of Correction Offender dies from COVID-19 virus

Saturday, April 25, 2020

An offender from the Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2020 after contracting the novel coronavirus.

The fifty-seven-year-old offender, who is not being identified, presented with symptoms on 4/15/2020 prompting immediate transfer to the facility quarantine unit for testing. While moving, the offender's condition deteriorated and he was taken to Johnson Memorial Hospital via ambulance for further treatment. The hospital confirmed he tested positive for COVID-19 shortly after admission.

The offender, who had preexisting underlying medical conditions, succumbed to his illness this morning.

Although hospital policy did not allow for an in-person visit, the facility administration and healthcare leadership was in communication with the individual's family and was able to coordinate a phone call with the offender before he passed away.

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The individual last entered the correctional system on November 12, 2002 and was serving a twenty-two-year sentence for Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree. He was scheduled for release on 9/29/2022.

“The statewide statistics that speak to the number of people that have lost their lives fighting this deadly virus is a difficult number to process because the reality is, it is so much more than a number – these are human beings with families that love them. I extend my sincere condolences to this family,” said Commissioner Cook.