



## State of Connecticut Department of Correction

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# Department of Correction inmate passes away due to COVID-19 virus

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An incarcerated individual under the supervision of the Connecticut Department of Correction passed away from complications related to the novel coronavirus on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Due to medical privacy laws, the name of the individual is not being released.

The 47-year-old male had been transferred from the Agency's MacDougall-Walker Medical Isolation Unit to an outside hospital for treatment on November 28, 2020, where he succumbed to his illnesses.

He last entered the Connecticut correctional system on March 28, 2019 and was serving a two and one half year sentence for Sale of Hallucinogen /Narcotic Substances, in addition to Assault of a Public Safety, Emergency Medical, Public Transit or Healthcare Personnel. He had recently been cleared to be released on a reentry furlough prior to his death.

"It's never easy to lose a loved one, but it is even harder when the loss comes around the holidays. My sincere condolences go out to his family," said Commissioner Designate Angel Quiros. "I am committed to continuing the fight against the spread of this virus in any way I can."

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As part of its efforts to minimize the spread of the virus, the Agency has further increased the frequency of its mass testing efforts with staff being tested weekly, and the inmate population biweekly.