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Two Department of Correction incarcerated individuals pass away, due to COVID-19 virus

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Two incarcerated individuals under the supervision of the Connecticut Department of Correction have passed away – within days of each other - from complications related to the novel coronavirus.

Due to medical privacy laws, the names of the individuals are not being released.

A 54-year-old male who had been receiving treatment at the Agency's MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution's Medical Isolation Unit since January 1, 2022, became unresponsive during a medical evaluation on January 4, 2022, and was taken via ambulance to an area hospital, where he succumbed to his illness.

He last entered the Connecticut correctional system on July 5, 2021, and was being held on a \$650,000 bond for Robbery in the First Degree.

A second individual, a 67-year-old male, who was being cared for at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution's Medical Isolation Unit (since December 27) passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022, due to complications from the COVID-19 virus.

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The 67-year-old had been transported to a local hospital for continued treatment on December 29, 2021. Prior to his death, the individual suffered from several underlying comorbidities.

He last entered the Connecticut correctional system on February 25, 2019, and was being held on a \$750,000 bond for Home Invasion.

“This sad news only strengthens my resolve to continue the Agency’s fight to combat the spread of this stubborn virus,” said Commissioner Angel Quiros. “My condolences go out to the families of the two departed individuals.”

The inmate deaths come as the Department, the State, and the nation at large grapple with the proliferation of the Omicron variant of the virus.