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

The 69-year-old male had been transferred from the Agency's MacDougall-Walker Medical Isolation Unit to an outside hospital for treatment on December 15, 2020, where he succumbed to his illnesses on Tuesday morning, December 22, 2020.

He last entered the Connecticut correctional system in October of 2015, and was serving a 12-year sentence for Sexual Assault in the First Degree, and Injury or Risk of Injury to a Minor. His maximum release date was in April of 2027, and he was not eligible for parole until April of 2021.

"I would be lying if I said that hearing this bad news was not disheartening, but it only strengthens my resolve to continue the Agency's fight to combat the spread of this virus," said Commissioner Designate Angel Quiros. "My condolences go out to his family."

The inmate death comes as the Department, the State and the nation at large grapple with the height of the second wave of the pandemic.