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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 Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

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

The 45-year-old male had been transferred from the Osborn Correctional Institution to an outside hospital for treatment on October 15, 2020.

He last entered the Connecticut correctional system on October 19, 2018, and was serving a three-year sentence for Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Strangulation 2nd Degree. His maximum release date was set for August of 2021 and he was not eligible for parole until May of next year.

It has been nearly six months since the previous offender passed away from complications due to the COVID-19 virus on May 26, 2020.

"This is a sobering reminder that we cannot let our guard down when it comes to the coronavirus. We will continue to take the necessary precautions to limit its spread within our facilities," said Commissioner Designate Angel Quiros. "My condolences go out to his family and loved ones."

The Department of Correction has recently completed its third round of mass testing of the incarcerated population with a Covid-19 positivity rate of just under 1%. At present out of the approximately 9,300 incarcerated individuals only 20 currently have symptoms associated with the novel coronavirus, and are recovering in the Department's Medical Isolation Unit located within the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution.