



# State of Connecticut Department of Correction

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## For Immediate Release

# 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 78-year-old male was housed at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution where he was being treated in the facility's infirmary and succumbed to his illnesses early Wednesday morning – September 8, 2021. The deceased had suffered from several significant underlying health issues.

The individual had previously contracted, and recovered from, the Covid-19 virus back in December of 2020.

On August 9, 2021 he was transferred to a local area hospital where he tested positive for Covid-19. After receiving treatment, the individual returned to the MacDougall-Walker facility on August 16, 2021.

He last entered the Connecticut correctional system in May of 2000, and was serving a 40-year sentence for Risk of Injury to a Minor and Sexual Assault in the First Degree.

This is the first incarcerated individual under the care of the Connecticut Department of Correction to pass away due to Covid-19 related health issues since January of this year.