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

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An 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 63-year-old male had been sent to an outside hospital multiple times for treatment of an unrelated terminal illness since he last entered a Connecticut correctional facility on February 3, 2022. Despite the best efforts of hospital staff members, his health continued to deteriorated, and he succumbed to his illness on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

Since the onset of the pandemic, every individual admitted to a Department of Correction facility is quarantined for a 14-day period in an effort to minimize the spread of the Covid-19 virus. They are also tested for the presence of the virus.

The recently deceased individual had tested positive for the novel coronavirus upon intake back in February. Additionally, he was already suffering from what proved to be a terminal illness.

This is the 30th individual under the care of the Department of Correction to pass away due complications related to the Covid-19 virus. The previous individual to die from the virus, died on March 10, 2022.

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"On behalf of the Department of Corrections, I extend our deepest condolences to the individual's family and loved ones," said Commissioner Angel Quiros. "This death is yet another reminder that we must remain vigilant to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. As always, I encourage everyone to get vaccinated or receive a booster shot."