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Death of Incarcerated Individual at York Correctional Institute Under Investigation

(Niantic, Connecticut) -The Connecticut Department of Correction is investigating the death of a female incarcerated individual at York Correctional Institute in Niantic, CT.

On Thursday August 27, 2026, correctional staff discovered an incarcerated individual unresponsive in their cell. A medical emergency was called, and medical staff responded and initiated life-saving measures. Despite those efforts, the individual was pronounced deceased at 7:37 am.

The individual's next of kin has been notified.

"We are deeply saddened by this loss of life, and on behalf of the Department of Correction, we extend our sincere condolences to the individual's family and loved ones," said Interim Commissioner Sharonda Carlos. "We are committed to understanding the circumstances surrounding this death, and our thoughts are with all those affected during this difficult time."

The cause and manner of death will be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The circumstances surrounding this death remain under investigation.

The Office of the Inspector General has been notified and is investigating this matter.

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