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INMATE DEATH
GARNER CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Newtown--On 05/19/2004 in the late afternoon authorities from the Garner Correctional Facility in Newtown contacted State Police Troop-A Southbury to advise that an inmate had become unruly and combative with Correctional Officers at the facility. While Correctional Officers were attempting to restrain the inmate, he suffered a medical issue. Correctional officials at the facility provided emergency medical care to the inmate and the inmate was immediately transported via ambulance to Danbury Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The State Police Major Crime Squad Detectives were assigned to conduct an investigation into this incident. The investigation will examine all facts and circumstances surrounding the incident. Dept of Corrections Officials will also conduct an internal investigation into this incident.

This case remains open and under investigation.

The identity of the inmate is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. He is a 47-year-old Manchester Connecticut resident.

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