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Inmate Death – James Patrick Wheeler

07/29/2022 (Anchorage) – On 07/29/2022, inmate James Patrick Wheeler, 91, was pronounced dead at 0633 at Goose Creek Correctional Center.

Wheeler had been in DOC custody since 11/09/1993. He was a sentenced inmate convicted of Murder 1 – Intent to Cause Death.

This death is the sixth in DOC custody this year. Next of kin have been notified. This death is COVID-19 related.

Every prisoner's death is reviewed by the Alaska State Troopers and the Medical Examiner's Office. Department records are generally not subject to release because they contain confidential medical, security and personnel information.

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