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Inmate Death – William Olsen, Jr.

11/27/2020 (Anchorage) – On November 25, 2020 at 1402 hours, inmate William Olsen, Jr., 48, was pronounced dead at Alaska Regional Hospital (ARH) in Anchorage.

Correctional officers and medical staff responded to Olsen, who experienced a medical emergency in his housing unit at Anchorage Correctional Complex on November 20, 2020. DOC staff immediately began performing life-saving measures until EMS arrived on scene and transported him to ARH.

Olsen has been in DOC custody since 11/19/2020. He was an unsentenced inmate charged with Theft of Services \$5-\$50, Removal of Merchandise \$50+, Enter/Remain on Bus Property in Violation of Notice.

His death is the eighth in DOC custody this year. Next of kin have been notified. No foul play is suspected. This death is not COVID-19 related.

Every prisoner 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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