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**NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ANNOUNCES PASSING OF
CORRECTIONS OFFICER LAWRENCE PRATHER**

(Concord, NH) – New Hampshire Department of Corrections Commissioner Helen Hanks regrettably announces the passing of Corrections Officer Lawrence Prather. (pronounced PRAY-ther)

Early this morning, while on duty for the NH Department of Corrections in Concord, Corrections Officer (CO) Prather suffered a medical emergency. Fellow corrections officers and nursing staff immediately started life saving efforts including providing CPR, getting an AED, and calling for an ambulance. Emergency medical personnel from the Concord Fire Department transported CO Prather to Concord Hospital where he died.

Officer Prather began his career with the NH Department of Corrections in 2017 and graduated with the 104th class of the New Hampshire Corrections Academy. Over the last six years, Officer Prather left a mark on his colleagues as a caring and dedicated team member. In April 2018, Officer Prather received a Team Commendation Award for his actions as part of the team’s response to a disturbance at the NH State Prison for Men. In December 2019, Office Prather transferred from the NH State Prison for Men to the Division of Rehabilitative Services where he closely worked with residents as they re-entered community life.

“Officer Prather’s passion, kindness, and dedication to his career with the NH Department of Corrections was admirable,” said Commissioner Hanks, “He was a friendly, positive, and loyal officer who is already greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Officer Prather’s family and those closest to him during this incredibly difficult time.”

The NH Department of Corrections asks that privacy be given to the family while they grieve the sudden and tragic loss of Lawrence. The department thanks the team members, first responders from the Concord Fire Department, and staff at the Concord Hospital for the assistance they provided to Officer Prather.

More information about services will be released as they are arranged with the family.

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