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Federal Bureau of Prisons
Federal Detention Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Death at FDC Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, PA: On Saturday, March 21, 2026, at approximately 11:10 a.m., Rocco Scolamacchia Jr. was found unresponsive at the Federal Detention Center (FDC) Philadelphia in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Responding employees initiated life-saving measures. Emergency medical services (EMS) were requested while life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Scolamacchia was transported by EMS to a local hospital and subsequently pronounced deceased by hospital personnel.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Marshals Service were notified.

No employees or other incarcerated individuals were injured, and at no time was the public in danger.

Mr. Scolamacchia was a 49-year-old male who arrived at FDC Philadelphia on March 12, 2026, under pretrial status after being indicted for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. Mr. Scolamacchia was an unsentenced inmate.

FDC Philadelphia is an administrative security facility.

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