Sick person in custody dies in public hospital

A sick 74-year-old male person in custody at Siu Lam Psychiatric Centre died in a public hospital today (May 30).

The person in custody suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He required continuous medical care and follow-up at the institution hospital and a public hospital. On March 18, he was sent to a public hospital for treatment due to physical discomfort. During hospitalisation, his condition deteriorated and he was certified dead at 12.42pm today.

The case has been reported to the Police. An inquest into the death will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was convicted of the offence of manslaughter and detained under a hospital order for psychiatric treatment in May 1982.