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Psychiatric center
sought return to prison

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Doctors at the Delaware Psychiatric Center raised concerns that Cedrick Facon, who had been court-ordered to undergo an evaluation at the New Castle-area facility, was too aggressive to remain there, according to court records obtained by Delaware Online/The News Journal.

Court officials agreed. In a Feb. 26 order, they wrote if the 27-year-old had become “too violent” and posed “a serious security threat,” he could be returned to the Department of Correction where he was being held on several burglary and theft charges.

Less than two months later, Facon was returned to the Delaware Department of Correction after the death of 73-year-old Fred O’Neal III — another hospital patient.

“We contacted DOC transport and are requesting they return Mr. Cedric Facon to DOC custody ASAP,” the center’s forensic psychology supervisor, Dr. Maura Hanlon, said in an April 20 letter to the court, which also said that “Yesterday evening Mr. Facon assaulted an elderly peer. The peer hit his head, was sent out by ambulance and required emergency surgery late last night.”

Last week, a New Castle County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Facon with O’Neal’s manslaughter.

The Rule 9 indictment provides little explanation on how Facon was able to assault the 73-year-old man, other than to say he “did recklessly cause the death of Fred O’Neal.”

Because this was a Rule 9 indictment, evidence is presented to a Grand Jury instead of through an affidavit submitted to the courts seeking an arrest warrant. Rule 9 indictments typi-

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Concord Mall site could be cleared for new retail use



An application has been filed to demolish Concord Mall in Brandywine Hundred. DAMIAN GILETTO/DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL

Major redevelopment
plan targets property

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Concord Mall could be seeing its last days.

A major redevelopment application has been filed in New Castle County to

demolish the 846,896-square-foot Brandywine Hundred mall.

Plans call for a 233,100-square-foot “general retail building” to be constructed in the mall’s place.

The mall is currently owned by New York-based Namdar Realty Group, which acquired the Brandywine Hundred mall in February 2020 from Delaware-based Allied Retail Properties.

A PR firm for the company did not

immediately respond to request for information about the redevelopment plan.

Before demolition can begin, the redevelopment application must undergo review and approval by the county, including traffic and environment impact analysis.

Delaware’s second-largest mall has

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10-year-old vacationer finds object labeled radioactive on beach

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A vacationing 10-year-old found a small metal object on Broadkill Beach last week, and a few days later, HAZMAT showed up.

Everleigh Webb was staying out of the water after a jellyfish sting, beachcombing with her mom, when she found a small rust-covered disc in the sand off Beach Plum Drive.

“I just thought it was part of a ship, the pipe system or something,” she said.

The disc was less than 2 inches in

diameter and about a half-inch thick. It wasn’t heavy, but Everleigh Webb’s mom, Elizabeth Webb, said some Googling led her to believe it was a paperweight.

They took it back to the beach house the family was staying in and continued on with their vacation.

‘Things escalated very quickly’

A few days later, Elizabeth Webb was packing the family’s things to return to their home in Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

She decided to clean up the disc and

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