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Inmate Death FCI Coleman (Medium)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, February 7, 2020, Malcolm L. Scarbrough was evaluated by health services staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Coleman (Medium) for shortness of breath and difficulty breathing. At that time, he was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation. After transferring from the hospital to a nursing facility on Friday, May 22, 2020, Mr. Scarbrough tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday, July 6, 2020. On Friday, July 10, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Sunday, July 12, 2020, Mr. Scarbrough, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Scarbrough was an 85-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Tennessee to a 211-month sentence for Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Armed Bank Robbery, Felon in Possession of Firearms in and Affecting Commerce, Aided and Abetted Another Committing Bank Robbery with Use of a Weapon, and Aided and Abetted Another Committing Burglary of a Federally Licensed Dealer. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Coleman since April 13, 2006.

FCI Coleman is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,413 male offenders.

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