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Inmate Death at FCI I Victorville

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, July 11, 2020, and Thursday, July 23, 2020, Inmate Norman Duncan was tested for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution I (FCI I) in Victorville, California, with negative results. On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Mr. Duncan, who was not presenting with symptoms, was tested again for COVID-19 as part of a widespread testing initiative to detect asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic cases. On Wednesday, August 19, 2020, Mr. Duncan was found unresponsive in his cell. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Duncan was pronounced dead by EMS personnel. On Thursday, August 20, 2020, the results from Mr. Duncan's most recent test were returned as positive for COVID-19. Mr. Duncan had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease.

Mr. Duncan was a 50-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Michigan to a 37-year sentence for Premeditated Murder With a Firearm During and In relation to a Violent Crime, Aiding and Abetting, and Using and Carrying a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, and Aiding and Abetting. He had been in custody at FCI-I Victorville since June 9, 2016.

FCI I Victorville is a Medium security facility that currently houses 1,024 male offenders.

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