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Inmate Death at FMC Fort Worth

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, inmate Eldon A. Gresham Jr. tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) in Fort Worth, Texas, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Thursday, May 14, 2020, Mr. Gresham, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, Mr. Gresham tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in medical isolation. Institution staff monitored his condition and provided treatment. On Friday, January 21, 2022, he was evaluated by medical staff for shortness of breath and other symptoms. On Sunday, January 23, 2022, Mr. Gresham, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was found unresponsive and pronounced deceased by the institution physician.

Mr. Gresham was a 76-year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern District of Texas to a 168-month sentence for Mail Fraud. He had been in custody at FMC Fort Worth since October 31, 2013.

FMC Fort Worth is an administrative medical facility that currently houses 1,334 male offenders.

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