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Inmate Death at FCI Victorville I

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, August 20, 2020, inmate Rocky Joe Miller tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Victorville I in Victorville, California, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Miller was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Sunday, January 16, 2022, Mr. Miller was evaluated by institution medical staff for hypoxia and shortness of breath. On the same day, Mr. Miller was transferred to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. Upon arrival, Mr. Miller's condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. Subsequently, on Sunday, January 30, 2022, Mr. Miller, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Miller was a 69-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Oklahoma to a 360-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Money Laundering, and Aiding and Abetting. He had been in custody at FCI Victorville I since January 22, 2019.

FCI Victorville I is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,372 male offenders.

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