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Inmate Death at FCI Petersburg Medium

WASHINGTON, DC: On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at approximately 11:10 a.m., inmate Earl Johnson was found unresponsive at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Petersburg Medium in Hopewell, Virginia. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Subsequently, Mr. Johnson, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by EMS personnel. Mr. Johnson tested positive for COVID-19 post-mortem.

Following a review of the recently received autopsy report, it was determined Mr. Johnson's death was related to COVID-19.

Mr. Johnson was a 50-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Columbia, Superior Court to a 171-month sentence for Voluntary Manslaughter While Armed. He had been in custody at FCI Petersburg Medium since August 24, 2021.

FCI Petersburg Medium is a medium security facility and currently houses 1,670 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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