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Inmate Death at FMC Devens

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, August 29, 2022, inmate Marco Vargas was transported from the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts to a local hospital due to complications related to endocarditis. On Wednesday, August 31, 2022, Mr. Vargas tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered on Saturday, September 10, 2022, while at the local hospital.

Mr. Vargas' condition continued to worsen while at the hospital. Subsequently, on Sunday, October 2, 2022, Mr. Vargas who had 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 medical personnel.

Mr. Vargas was a 48-year-old white male who was sentenced in the Southern District of New York to a 60-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute and Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin. Mr. Vargas was in custody at FMC Devens since February 25, 2021.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility and currently houses 972 male offenders.

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