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Inmate Death at FCI Oakdale I

WASHINGTON: On Thursday, March 19, 2020, inmate Patrick Jones complained of a persistent cough at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Oakdale I in Oakdale, Louisiana. He was evaluated by institutional medical staff and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. While at the local hospital, Mr. Jones tested positive for COVID-19. On Friday, March 20, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Saturday, March 28, 2020, Mr. Jones, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Jones was a 49 year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Texas to a 324-month sentence for Possession with Intent to Distribute 425.1 grams of crack cocaine within 1000 ft. of a junior college. He had been in custody at FCI Oakdale I since April 26, 2017.

FCI Oakdale is a Low security facility that currently houses 990 male offenders.

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