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Inmate Death at FCI Oakdale I

WASHINGTON, DC: On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, inmate Nicholas Rodriguez was unable to maintain oxygen saturation on room air, had a high temperature, as well as a rapid heartbeat 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. Rodriguez tested positive for COVID-19. On Friday, March 27, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, April 1, 2020, Mr. Rodriguez, 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. Rodriguez was a 43 year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern District of California to a 188-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute a Mixture and Substance Containing a Detectable Amount of Methamphetamine and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Mixture and Substance Containing a Detectable Amount of Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at FCI Oakdale I since January 09, 2019.

FCI Oakdale I is a Low security facility that currently houses 980 male offenders.

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