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Inmate Death at FCI Oakdale I

WASHINGTON: On Saturday, March 28, 2020, inmate David Townsend went into respiratory failure 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. Townsend tested positive for COVID-19. On Saturday, March 28, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Thursday, April 2, 2020, Mr. Townsend, 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. Townsend was a 66 year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern District of Georgia to a 240-month sentence for Possession With Intent to Distribute at least 100 kg. of Marijuana, at least 500 gm. of Methamphetamine Mixture, and at least 5 gm. of Methamphetamine Actual. He had been in custody at FCI Oakdale I since November 20, 2013.

FCI Oakdale I is a Low security facility that currently houses 971 male offenders.

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