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**Inmate Death at FCI Oakdale I**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, April 3, 2020, inmate George Jeffus 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. Jeffus tested positive for COVID-19. On Friday, April, 3, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Mr. Jeffus showed signs of improvement, the ventilator was removed, and he was placed on a high-flow oxygen mask. On Thursday, April 9, 2020, his condition rapidly declined. On Thursday, April 9, 2020, Mr. Jeffus, 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. Jeffus was a 76 year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Louisiana to a 60-month sentence for Activities Receipt of Material Constituting/Containing Child Pornography – Possession of Child Pornography with Forfeiture Allegations. He had been in custody at FCI Oakdale I since April 10, 2017.

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

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