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Inmate Death at FCI Butner I

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Sunday, March 29, 2020, inmate Gary Edward Nixon, went into respiratory failure at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner I, in Butner, North Carolina. He was evaluated by institutional medical staff and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. While at the local hospital, Mr. Nixon tested positive for COVID-19. On Thursday, April 2, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Sunday, April 12, 2020, Mr. Nixon, 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. Nixon was a 57 year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of North Carolina to a 155-month Supervised Release Violation Term with new criminal conduct of Conspiracy to Distribute With Intent to Distribute More Than 5 Grams of Cocaine Base (Crack). The original offense conduct was Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute 100 Grams or More of Heroin and Possession With Intent to Distribute a Quantity of Heroin. He had been in custody at FCI Butner I since May 21, 2019.

FCI Butner I is a Medium security facility that currently houses 641 male offenders.

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