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**Inmate Death at FCI Butner I**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On April 6, 2020, inmate Fabian Tinsley, 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. Tinsley tested positive for COVID-19. On Monday, April 6, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Thursday, April 16, 2020, Mr. Tinsley, 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. Tinsley was a 67 year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Columbia, Superior Court to a 23 year term for Kidnapping While Armed and Aggravated Assault While Armed. He had been in custody at FCI Butner I since November 15, 2018.

FCI Butner I is a Medium security facility that currently houses 652 male offenders.

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