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Inmate Death at FCI Butner I

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, inmate William Walker Minto went into respiratory failure at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner I adjacent minimum security satellite camp, 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. Minto tested positive for COVID-19. On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, Mr. Minto, 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. Minto was a 73 year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Tennessee to a 240-month term for Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute 1,000 Kilograms or More of Marijuana. He had been in custody at the FCI Butner I adjacent minimum security satellite camp since October 11, 2019.

The adjacent minimum security satellite camp at FCI Butner I currently houses 268 male offenders.

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