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**Inmate Death at FMC Lexington**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, April 30, 2020, inmate Juan Mata tested positive for COVID-19. On Tuesday, May 5, 2020, Mr. Mata was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the local hospital with worsening hypoxemia. On Friday, May 8, 2020, he was intubated due to respiratory failure and severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) from Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pneumonia. On Monday, May 11, 2020, Mr. Mata, 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. Mata was a 59 year-old male sentenced in the Western District of Texas to a 135-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute 500g or more of Cocaine. Inmate Mata had been in the custody of FMC Lexington since July 30, 2014.

FMC Lexington is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 1414 inmates.

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