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Inmate Death at FMC Lexington

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, inmate Calderon Mendoza, Carlos, tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation. On Friday, May 8, 2020, he was admitted to the local hospital and placed on a ventilator with worsening hypoxemia and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). On Thursday, May 14, 2020, Mr. Calderon Mendoza, 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. Calderon Mendoza was a 60 year-old male sentenced in the Southern District of Florida to a 144-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine Knowing it Would be Imported into the United States and Distribute Cocaine Using an Airplane Registered in the United States. Mr. Calderon Mendoza had been in the custody of FMC Lexington since September 18, 2019.

FMC Lexington is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 1396 inmates.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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