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Inmate Death at FCI Butner I

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, April 21, 2020, inmate Jerry Lynn Dempsey, 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. Mr. Dempsey tested positive for COVID-19 on April 22, 2020. On Friday, April 24, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Friday, May 15, 2020, Mr. Dempsey, 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. Dempsey was a 59 year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of California to a 130-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at FCI Butner I since November 13, 2014.

FCI Butner I is a Medium security facility that currently houses 658 male offenders.

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