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Inmate Death at FMC Lexington

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, May 2, 2020, inmate Fidel Torres tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation. On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, he was admitted to the local hospital and placed on a ventilator for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). On Wednesday, May 20, 2020, he was pronounced dead by hospital staff, with immediate cause of death listed as Septic Shock due to COVID-19 Pneumonia.

Mr. Fidel Torres was a 62 year-old male sentenced in the Southern District of Texas to a 220-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Quantity in Excess of 1000 kilograms of Marijuana, and Aid and Abet to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Quantity in Excess of 1000 kilograms of Marijuana. Mr. Torres had been in the custody of FMC Lexington since August 9, 2010.

FMC Lexington is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 1380 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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