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Inmate Death at FCI Butner (Low)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, May 22, 2020, inmate Eric Spiwak, went into respiratory failure at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner (Low), in Butner, North Carolina. He was evaluated by institutional medical staff and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. Mr. Spiwak tested positive for COVID-19 on May 22, 2020. On Monday, May 25, 2020, Mr. Spiwak, 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. Spiwak was a 73-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of North Carolina to a 188-month sentence for Possession of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since June 22, 2009.

FCI Butner is a Low security facility that currently houses 1,201 male offenders.

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