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Inmate Death at FCI Butner (Low)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Sunday, May 10, 2020, inmate Bernardo Luis Olarta-Loaiza, tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner (Low), in Butner, North Carolina and was immediately placed in isolation. On Thursday, May 21, 2020, Mr. Olarta-Loaiza, was evaluated by institutional medical staff for issues with his Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator (AICD). He was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation. On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Mr. Olarta-Loaiza, 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. Olarta-Loaiza was a 63-year-old male who was sentenced in the Middle District of Florida to a 144-month sentence for Maritime Drug and Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute Five Kilograms or More of Cocaine While on Board a Vessel Subject to the Jurisdiction of the United States. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since May 22, 2018.

FCI Butner is a Low security facility that currently houses 1,197 male offenders.

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