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Inmate Death at FCI Butner (Low)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, May 25, 2020, inmate Steve Arthur Robinette 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. Robinette tested positive for COVID-19 on May 25, 2020. On Saturday, May 30, 2020, Mr. Robinette, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Steve Arthur Robinette was a 79-year-old male who was sentenced in the Middle District of North Carolina to a 216-month sentence for Coercing a Minor to Engage in Sexually Explicit Conduct for the Purpose of Producing Child Pornography. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since September 11, 2012.

FCI Butner is a Low security facility that currently houses 1,192 male offenders.

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