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Inmate Death at FCI Butner (Low)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, May 20, 2020, inmate Bobby Lee Medford was evaluated by institutional medical staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner (Low), in Butner, North Carolina for issues relating to hypoxia. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation. While at the outside hospital Mr. Medford tested positive for COVID-19. On Thursday, May 21, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Mr. Medford, 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. Medford was a 74-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of North Carolina to a 180-month sentence for Racketeering, Violence, Conspiracy to Commit Extortion, Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud, Mail Fraud, Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering, Obstruction of State and Local Law Enforcement, and Conspiracy to Conduct an Illegal Gambling Business. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since December 9, 2008.

FCI Butner (Low) is a Low security facility that currently houses 1,184 male offenders.

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