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**Inmate Death at FMC Lexington**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, May 13, 2020, inmate Stephen Cook tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in isolation at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) in Lexington, Kentucky. On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment. On Friday, May 29, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, June 3, 2020, he was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Stephen Cook was a 48 year-old male sentenced in the Western District of Tennessee to a 360-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Marijuana. He had been in custody at FMC Lexington since May 7, 2013.

FMC Lexington is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 1,354 offenders.

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