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Inmate Death FCI Coleman (Medium)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, July 14, 2020, Luis A. Velez was evaluated by institution medical staff for flu-like symptoms at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Coleman (Medium), in Sumterville, Florida. On Monday, July 27, 2020, Mr. Velez tested positive for COVID-19. On Saturday, August 15, 2020, he was transported to the local hospital for shortness of breath. On Monday, August 17, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, Mr. Velez, 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. Velez was a 58-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Nebraska to a 156-month sentence for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex Coleman since June 2, 2015.

FCI Coleman (Medium) is a medium security facility that currently houses 1451 male offenders.

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