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## **Inmate Death at FCI Butner (Low)**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, June 1, 2020, inmate Ricky Lynn Miller tested positive for COVID-19. On Monday, July 6, 2020, Mr. Miller tested negative for COVID-19. Mr. Miller was evaluated by institutional medical staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner (Low) in Butner, North Carolina on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 for issues relating to shortness of breath and leg edema. He was transferred to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation. On Wednesday, September 16, 2020, Mr. Miller tested positive for COVID-19 at the outside hospital. On Thursday, September 17, 2020, Mr. Miller, 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. Miller was a 62-year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern District of Texas to a 210-month sentence for Receipt of a Visual Depiction of a Minor Engaging in Sexually Explicit Conduct. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since July 11, 2018.

FCI Butner is a Low security facility that currently houses 1,050 male offenders.

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