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Inmate Death at MCC San Diego

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On August 27, 2020, inmate Victor Cruz tested positive for COVID-19 at the Metropolitan Correctional Center (MCC) in San Diego, California. Institution medical staff provided treatment and monitored his condition. On Monday, August 31, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. While at the local hospital, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator on September 12, 2020. On Monday, September 21, 2020, Mr. Cruz, 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. Cruz was a 47-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of California to a 96-month sentence for Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at MCC San Diego since May 17, 2019.

MCC San Diego is an Administrative security facility that currently houses 546 male and female offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp

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