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**Inmate Death at USP Coleman II**

Washington, D.C.: On Saturday, October 3, 2020, inmate Ricky Eagle Elk tested positive for COVID-19 at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Coleman II in Sumterville, Florida. He was immediately placed in medical isolation and evaluated by institution medical staff. On October 12, 2020, Mr. Eagle Elk was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation due to shortness of breath and congestion. Upon arrival, he was placed on oxygen therapy. On October 16, 2020, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Saturday, October 17, 2020, Mr. Eagle Elk, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Eagle Elk was a 52-year-old male sentenced in the District of South Dakota to a 121-month sentence for Sexual Abuse. He had been in custody at USP Coleman II since April 25, 2019.

USP Coleman II is a High security facility that currently houses 947 male offenders.

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