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**Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, inmate Waylon Young Bird tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) in Springfield, Missouri. He received daily symptom checks and was assigned to a unit with 24-hour nursing staff where he was evaluated for respiratory distress. On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, he was transferred to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On the same day, Mr. Young Bird, 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 local hospital staff.

Mr. Young Bird was a 52-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of South Dakota to a 136-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since September 24, 2019.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 843 male offenders.

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