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Inmate Death at FCI Bastrop

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, October 22, 2020, inmate Charles Fankhauser was evaluated by institutional medical staff for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Bastrop, in Bastrop, Texas. On the same day, he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. While at the local hospital, Mr. Fankhauser tested positive for COVID-19. On Saturday, November 14, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Friday, November 20, 2020, Mr. Fankhauser, 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. Fankhauser was a 64-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Texas to a 97-month sentence for Possession of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at FCI Bastrop since December 18, 2019.

FCI Bastrop is a low security facility that currently houses 1,091 male offenders.

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