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Inmate Death at USP Tucson

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, October 29, 2020, inmate Robert Dobyms tested positive for COVID-19 at the United States Penitentiary (USP) in Tucson, Arizona. Institution medical staff provided treatment and monitored his condition. On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital due to shortness of breath and placed on a ventilator. On Monday, November 23, 2020, Mr. Dobyms, 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. Dobyms was a 48-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Columbia Superior Court to an 80-year sentence for Murder I while Armed, Possession of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Obstruction of Justice. He had been in custody at USP Tucson since July 7, 2017.

USP Tucson is a high security facility that currently houses 1,343 male offenders within the Federal Correction Complex in Tucson, Arizona.

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