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Inmate Death at USP Tucson

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, November 5, 2020, inmate Anthony Casso tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Tucson in Tucson, Arizona. Institution medical staff provided treatment and monitored his condition. On Monday, November 9, 2020, he was transported to a local hospital due to respiratory distress. On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, his condition declined and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Mr. Casso, 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 medical staff.

Mr. Casso was a 78-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to a Life sentence for Racketeering, Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Murder, Conspiracy to Bribe Union Leaders, Conspiracy to Bribe Labor Unions, Conspiracy to Commit Extortion, and Conspiracy to Commit Income Tax Evasion. He had been in custody at USP Tucson since March 25, 2020.

USP Tucson is a high security facility that currently houses 1,340 male offenders.

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