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**Inmate Death at FCI Sandstone**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, inmate Richard Lee Red Fox tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Sandstone in Sandstone, Minnesota and was placed in medical isolation. On Wednesday, December 23, 2020, he was evaluated by institution medical staff and subsequently transferred to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation for shortness of breath. On Wednesday, December 30, 2020, Mr. Red Fox's condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Thursday, January 14, 2021, Mr. Red Fox, 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. Red Fox was a 59-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Montana to a Life sentence for Murder in the Second Degree. He had been in custody at FCI Sandstone since February 10, 2015.

FCI Sandstone is a low security facility that currently houses 838 male offenders.

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