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Inmate Death at USP Atlanta

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, March 30, 2020, inmate Spencer Sarver was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation due to shortness of breath. Subsequently on the same day, he tested positive for COVID-19. While at the hospital, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Thursday, April 23, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Sarver was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms. On the same day, Mr. Sarver tested negative for COVID-19 and was removed from the ventilator. However, Mr. Sarver still required constant hospital care. On Friday, January 15, 2021, Mr. Sarver, who had 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. Sarver was a 65-year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern District of West Virginia to an 84-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute and Possession With Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at USP Atlanta since September 16, 2019.

USP Atlanta is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,870 male offenders.

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