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**Inmate Death at FCI Terre Haute**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, January 11, 2021, inmate Joseph Lee Fultz tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Terre Haute in Terre Haute, Indiana and was placed in medical isolation. On Monday, January 25, 2021, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Fultz was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms. On Sunday, February 7, 2021, Mr. Fultz was found unresponsive in his cell and responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Subsequently on the same day, Mr. Fultz, 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 EMS personnel.

Inmate Fultz was a 52-year-old male sentenced out of the Southern District of Iowa to a 324-months sentence for Sexual Exploitation of Children. He had been in custody at FCI Terre Haute since January 7, 2021.

FCI Terre Haute is a medium security facility that currently houses 841 male offenders.

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