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Inmate Death at FCI Butner II

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, inmate Abdul-Aziz Rashid Muhammad tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner II in Butner, North Carolina. On Monday, January 18, 2021, Mr. Muhammad was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation for respiratory distress and hypoxia. Mr. Muhammad's condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Tuesday, February 9, 2021, Mr. Muhammad, 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. Muhammad was a 64-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Kentucky to a 327-month sentence for Conspiracy to Rob an FDIC Insured Bank and Aiding and Abetting in an Armed Bank Robbery. He had been in custody at the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Butner since June 17, 2020.

FCI Butner II is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,384 male offenders.

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