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**Inmate Death at FCI Edgefield**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, January 2, 2021, inmate Wayne Spinks, tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately placed in medical isolation at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Edgefield in Edgefield, South Carolina. On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, Mr. Spinks was evaluated by institution medical staff and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation due to decreased oxygen saturation and shortness of breath. On Friday, February 12, 2021, Mr. Spinks, 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. Spinks was a 75-year-old male who was sentenced in the Middle District of North Carolina to a 540-month aggregate sentence for Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Hydrochloride, Felon in Possession of a Firearm in Commerce after Felony Conviction, and Possessing a Firearm during a Drug Trafficking Crime. He had been in custody at FCI Edgefield since May 10, 2018.

FCI Edgefield is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,144 male offenders.

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