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**Inmate Death at FCI Oakdale II**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, January 18, 2021, inmate Marcelo Ramos-Ortiz tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Oakdale II in Oakdale, Louisiana, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Mr. Ramos-Ortiz was evaluated by institution medical staff for fever and impending respiratory failure, and was subsequently transported to the local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Thursday, March 4, 2021, Mr. Ramos-Ortiz, 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. Ramos-Ortiz was a 59-year-old male who was sentenced in the Northern District of Alabama to a 135-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute and Possession With Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Methamphetamine, Distribution of 50 Grams or More of Methamphetamine, and Illegal Re-Entry Into the United States. He had been in custody at FCI Oakdale II since October 15, 2014.

FCI Oakdale II is a low security facility that currently houses 707 male offenders.

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