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**Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, inmate Leonard Williams was assigned to the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. On the same day, he tested positive for COVID-19 while at a local hospital, and was admitted to the hospital due to COVID-19 related pneumonia. On Sunday, February 28, 2021, Mr. Williams returned from the local hospital to MCFP Springfield, and was placed in medical isolation. On Monday, March 22, 2021, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Williams was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms. On Saturday, April 3, 2021, Mr. Williams became unresponsive. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Subsequently, Mr. Williams, 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 staff.

Mr. Williams was a 53-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Missouri to a 72-month sentence for Assaulting, Resisting, and Impeding a Federal Officer. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since May 20, 2019.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 781 male offenders.

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