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Inmate Death at USP Leavenworth

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, September 4, 2020, inmate Manuel Roach tested positive for COVID-19 at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Leavenworth in Leavenworth, Kansas and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, he was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Friday, January 29, 2021, staff discovered Mr. Roach in medical distress. Mr. Roach consequently became unresponsive and staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services and life-saving efforts continued. Subsequently, Mr. Roach, was pronounced deceased by medical personnel.

Mr. Roach was a 42-year-old male who had been convicted in the District of Kansas to a 20-year sentence for Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Possession of a Firearm with a Removed, Altered, or Obliterated Serial Number; Possession with Intent to Distribute, Cocaine Base; and Felon in Possession of Ammunition. He had been at USP Leavenworth since March 22, 2017.

USP Leavenworth is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,415 male offenders.

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