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Inmate Death at FMC Carswell

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, January 2, 2021, prior to her placement in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, inmate Sherri Renee Hillman tested positive for COVID-19. Subsequently on the same day she was transported to a local hospital where she was placed on a ventilator. On Monday, March 15, 2021, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Ms. Hillman was considered recovered.

On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, Ms. Hillman entered the custody of the Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas. She was immediately placed in quarantine after presenting with no symptoms. On Monday, June 14, 2021, Ms. Hillman was discovered having difficulty breathing and became unresponsive. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Ms. Hillman, who had pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by EMS personnel.

Ms. Hillman was a 54-year-old female who arrived at FMC Carswell on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, under pretrial status.

FMC Carswell is an administrative facility that currently houses 1,207 female offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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