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## Inmate Death at FCI Texarkana

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, July 12, 2021, inmate Derrick Nicholson tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Texarkana in Texarkana, Texas, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Thursday, July 15, 2021, Mr. Nicholson was evaluated by institution medical staff and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Saturday, July 17, 2021, Mr. Nicholson was placed on a ventilator and was subsequently removed from the ventilator on Friday, July 30, 2021. On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, Mr. Nicholson, who had pre-existing medical conditions, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Nicholson was a 53-year-old black male who was sentenced in the Western District of Arkansas to a 250-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine and Distribution of more than 50 Grams of Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at FCI Texarkana since September 10, 2019.

FCI Texarkana is a low security facility that currently houses 914 male offenders.

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