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Inmate Death at FMC Butner

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, inmate Rasheem Kireem Hicks tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Butner in Butner, North Carolina. On the same day, he was evaluated by institution medical staff for complaints of chest and abdominal pain, and hematemesis, and was subsequently transferred to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation.

On Sunday, August 22, 2021, Mr. Hicks 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. Hicks was a 42-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of North Carolina to a 78-month sentence for Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Quantity of Cocaine Base (Crack). He had been in custody at FMC Butner since December 13, 2019.

FMC Butner is an administrative security facility that currently houses 715 male 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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