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Inmate Death at FCI Safford

WASHINGTON, DC: On Saturday, July 31, 2021, inmate Ruben Joseph Castillo was found unresponsive at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Safford in Safford, Arizona. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Mr. Castillo was transported by EMS to a local hospital. Subsequently on the same day, Mr. Castillo, who had long-term, 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. Based on Mr. Castillo's self-reported history of COVID-19 at the time of his arrival in Bureau of Prisons custody, along with his medical history and findings in the autopsy, it was determined he likely experienced post-COVID cardiac complications.

Mr. Castillo was a 50-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of New Mexico to a 292-month sentence for Production of Child Pornography. He had been in custody at FCI Safford since May 5, 2021.

FCI Safford is a low security facility and currently houses 827 male offenders.

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