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Inmate Death at USP Tucson

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, January 18, 2022, inmate Benedict Shaw tested positive for COVID-19 at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Tucson in Tucson, Arizona, and placed in medical isolation. On Wednesday, January 26, 2022, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Shaw was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, Mr. Shaw was found unresponsive. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Subsequently, Mr. Shaw, 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 EMS staff.

Mr. Shaw was a 54-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Florida to a 540-month sentence for Sexual Exploitation of Children, Distribution of Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of Minors, and Possession of Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of Minors. Mr. Shaw had been in custody at USP Tucson since December 5, 2014.

USP Tucson is a high security facility that currently houses 1,255 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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