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**Inmate Death at FCI Butner Medium I**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, January 10, 2022, inmate Marvin Hersch tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Butner Medium I in Butner, North Carolina, and was placed in medical isolation. Institution medical staff monitored Mr. Hersch's condition and provided treatment. On Thursday, January 13, 2022, Mr. Hersch's condition worsened, and he was transported to a local hospital. Upon return, Mr. Hersch was transferred to the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Butner in Butner, North Carolina, where he was placed on a ventilator and his condition was monitored. On Thursday, February 3, 2022, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Hersch was converted to a status of recovered, following the completion of medical isolation, and presenting with no symptoms.

On Friday, March 25, 2022, Mr. Hersch was transported to a local hospital due to Acute Respiratory Failure Secondary to Pneumonia. Subsequently, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, Mr. Hersch 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 medical staff.

Mr. Hersch was an 82-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Florida to a 1,260-month sentence for Transporting a Minor in Foreign Commerce with Intent to Engage in a Sexual Act. He had been in custody at Federal Correctional Complex Butner since October 30, 2000.

FCI Butner Medium I is a medium security facility that currently houses 545 male offenders.

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