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## **Inmate Death at USP Tucson**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, inmate Quentin Peter Bruguier Jr. tested positive for COVID-19 at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Tucson in Tucson, Arizona, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Tuesday, November 24, 2020, Mr. Bruguier, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, was converted to a status of recovered, following the completion of medical isolation, and presenting with no symptoms.

On Thursday, April 21, 2022, Mr. Bruguier was found unresponsive. Responding staff immediately initiated life-saving measures. Staff requested emergency medical services (EMS) and life-saving efforts continued. Subsequently, Mr. Bruguier, 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. Following a review of the recently received autopsy report, it was determined Mr. Bruguier's death was related to COVID-19.

Mr. Bruguier was a 58-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of South Dakota to a Life sentence for Obscene Matter, Sexual Abuse, Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child, and Abusive Sexual Contact. Mr. Bruguier had been in custody at USP Tucson since August 30, 2019.

USP Tucson is a high security facility and currently houses 1,308 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at <a href="https://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp">www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp</a>.

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