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Inmate Death at FCI Edgefield

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Sunday, August 16, 2020, inmate Barry Johnson tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) in Edgefield, South Carolina, and was immediately placed in isolation. He remained asymptomatic and was released from isolation on Thursday, August 27, 2020. On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, Mr. Johnson reported an inability to walk, and was evaluated at a local hospital and returned to FCI Edgefield the same day. He was seen again by the institution's medical department on Sunday, September 20, 2020, and his vitals were stable. On Wednesday, September 23, 2020, Mr. Johnson was found unresponsive. Responding staff immediately escorted Mr. Johnson to the institution's medical department where he stopped breathing. Mr. Johnson was immediately transported by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment. On Wednesday, September 23, 2020, Mr. Johnson, 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. Johnson was a 48-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Florida to a 300-month sentence for Bank Robbery and Carrying/Possessing a Firearm During or in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence. He had been in custody at FCI Edgefield since June 15, 2016.

FCI Edgefield is a Medium security facility that currently houses 1,207 male offenders.

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