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Inmate Death at FCI Petersburg (Medium)

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, September 14, 2020, inmate Tommy Sisk tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Petersburg (Medium) and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On September 23, 2020, Mr. Sisk was evaluated by institution medical staff for shortness of breath and a cough. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment and further evaluation. Mr. Sisk's condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On October 4, 2020, Mr. Sisk, 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. Sisk was a 62-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of North Carolina to a 120-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. He had been in custody at FCI Petersburg since February 05, 2019.

FCI Petersburg, Medium is a Medium security facility that currently houses 1,497 male offenders.

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