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**Inmate Death at FCI Seagoville**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, June 26, 2020, James Giannetta tested positive for COVID-19. On Sunday, June 28, 2020, he was evaluated by institutional medical staff at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Seagoville, in Seagoville, Texas, for shortness of breath, low oxygen saturation, and respiratory disease. He was transported the same day to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Thursday, July 16, 2020, Mr. Giannetta, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Mr. Giannetta was a 65-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Massachusetts to a 167-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Distribution of 50 Grams or More of Methamphetamine, and Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments. He had been in custody at FCI Seagoville since August 1, 2019.

FCI Seagoville is a Low security facility that currently houses 1798 male offenders.

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