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Inmate Death at FMC Fort Worth

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, September 21, 2021, inmate Rowland Sudbeck tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) in Fort Worth, Texas, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Friday, October 1, 2021, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Sudbeck was converted to a status of recovered, following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms. On Sunday, December 4, 2021, he was evaluated for symptoms of a stroke by institution medical staff and was subsequently transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

On Friday, December 10, 2021, his condition improved, and he was transported back to FMC Fort Worth where his condition was monitored by medical staff. On Monday, December 13, 2021, Mr. Sudbeck, who had pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by institution medical staff.

Mr. Sudbeck was a 64-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Nebraska to a 46-month sentence for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. Mr. Sudbeck had been in custody at FMC Fort Worth since September 7, 2021.

FMC Fort Worth is an administrative security facility that currently houses 1,342 male offenders.

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