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## **Inmate Death at FCI Fort Dix**

WASHINGTON, DC: On Saturday, December 12, 2020, inmate Fernando Marulanda Trujillo tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Fort Dix in Fort Dix, New Jersey. On the same day, he was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Tuesday, December 22, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Marulanda Trujillo was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms. Subsequently, due to his pre-existing medical conditions, Mr. Marulanda Trujillo was transported to a long-term care facility for further care. On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, Mr. Marulanda Trujillo's condition worsened and he was transported to a local hospital. On Thursday, March 25, 2021, Mr. Marulanda Trujillo, 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.

Mr. Marulanda Trujillo was a 69-year-old male sentenced out of the Southern District of Florida to a 210-month sentence for Conspiracy to Import and Distribute Cocaine into the United States. He had been in Custody at FCI Fort Dix since June 24, 2014.

FCI Fort Dix is a low security facility that currently houses 2,761 male offenders.

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