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NMCD announces first COVID related death

SANTA FE—The New Mexico Corrections Department today announced the first COVID related death of an inmate in state custody.

The deceased individual is a 31-year-old male with multiple preexisting conditions that was most recently incarcerated at the state contracted Otero County Prison Facility (OCPF), operated by the Management and Training Corporation. The inmate was recently hospitalized at the University Hospital in El Paso, Texas, where he tested positive for COVID-19. Next of kin has been notified.

The Otero County Prison Facility is undergoing rigorous testing, isolation and quarantine protocol in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Health. There are 46 total positive cases at OCPF of which 3 are hospitalized. Strict use of protective equipment and sanitation and separation protocol are in effect.

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