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El Dorado Correctional Facility Resident Death

TOPEKA, Kansas – An El Dorado Correctional Facility (EDCF) resident who died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 had tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first COVID-19 related resident death at EDCF, and the thirteenth resident death related to COVID-19 for the Kansas Department of Corrections.

The resident tested positive for the virus on Dec. 28, 2020 and was transferred to the hospital on Jan. 2, 2021. He was a 65-year old white male with underlying medical concerns that contributed to his condition.

The resident was serving a 294-month sentence for attempted first degree murder and second degree murder. He had been imprisoned with the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) since September 2010.

The 1,955 bed El Dorado Correctional Facility opened in 1991 and was expanded in 1995 and 2001. The facility is designed for maximum- and medium-custody residents and to serve as the Reception and Diagnostic Unit (RDU) for all adult males sentenced to KDOC. In RDU, residents receive orientation and are assigned to a custody classification, appropriate programs and a permanent housing assignment.

For current information on COVID-19 in Kansas, and to sign up for updates, go to the KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center at <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus>. For information on the KDOC's response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates>.

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