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Winfield Correctional Facility Resident Death

TOPEKA, Kansas – A Winfield Correctional Facility (WCF) resident who died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 had tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first COVID-19 related resident death at WCF, and the 20th death related to COVID-19 for the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC).

The resident tested positive for the virus on Feb. 4 and was admitted to the hospital Feb. 8. He was a 62-year old black male with underlying medical concerns that contributed to his condition.

The resident was serving a 226-month sentence for aggravated criminal sodomy and aggravated indecent liberties with a child. He had been imprisoned with the KDOC since 2011.

The Winfield Correctional Facility opened in 1984 on the site of what was then the Winfield State Hospital and Training Center. With a capacity of 554, the facility serves only minimum-custody, adult males.

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.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>. For information on the KDOC's response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates>.

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