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Inmate Death – Chopper Ellingsworth

3/25/2021 (Anchorage) – On March 25, 2021, federal inmate Chopper Ellingsworth, 58, was pronounced dead at the Anchorage Correctional Complex.

No foul play is suspected. Next of kin have been notified.

Ellingsworth has been in custody since 11/14/2019. He was an unsentenced federal inmate charged with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances.

This death is the second in DOC custody this year. This death is not COVID-19 related.

Every prisoner death is reviewed by the Alaska State Troopers and the Medical Examiner's Office. Department records are generally not subject to release because they contain confidential medical, security and personnel information.

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