



**Commission of
Correction**

**Final Report of the
New York State Commission of Correction:**

In the Matter of the Death of

**Mark Louzon,
an incarcerated individual of the
NYPD Bronx Court Section**

March 29, 2022

**To: Commissioner Keechant Sewell
NYC Police Department
1 Police Plaza
New York, New York 10038**

Allen Riley
Chairman

Thomas J. Loughren
Commissioner

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Medical Review Board has reported to the NYS Commission of Correction pursuant to Correction Law, section 47 (1)(d), regarding the death of Mark Louzon who died on July 19, 2019, as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the New York Police Department, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Mark Louzon was a 48-year-old male who died on 7/19/19 while in the custody of the New York City Police Department (NYPD) at the Bronx Court Section. Louzon had been in custody on an outstanding warrant and was awaiting arraignment at court when he suddenly went into a seizure and then cardiac arrest.
2. Louzon resided in both the Albany and New York City areas. Louzon was reportedly homeless at the time of his arrest and had periods of homelessness prior to. Louzon had a sister who was listed as a next of kin. The family did not claim Louzon after his death and requested that he have a city burial at Hart's Island Cemetery.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. On 7/18/19 at approximately 8:30 p.m., Louzon appeared at a homeless shelter at 1790 Marmion Ave., Bronx, NY within the confines of the NYPD 48th Pct. Louzon reportedly sat on the steps of shelter and drank a bottle of beer. The facility manager came out and confronted Louzon and informed Louzon that he could not be there. Louzon had reportedly resided at the shelter prior but was removed due to being abusive towards staff and residents after drinking alcohol. Louzon refused to leave and the facility manager called 911 to request the NYPD's assistance.
7. At approximately 9:43 p.m., NYPD put out a request for a patrol to go to Marmion Avenue Safe Haven Homeless Shelter for a trespass complaint. Officers J.M. and D.R. responded from the 48th Pct. and arrived at 9:58 p.m. Louzon was still present at the facility standing outside upon their arrival. The facility manager informed the NYPD

officers that Louzon had resided there in the past but was transferred out due to being abusive towards staff. Since being transferred out, Louzon had reportedly made numerous threatening calls to the facility director. A criminal complaint had been filed for Aggravated Harassment by the facility director against Louzon. The officers checked Louzon's information in their database and found that there was an active warrant for Aggravated Harassment and pending summonses for open container violations. Louzon was taken into custody by the NYPD officers and transported to the 48th Pct. at 10:28 p.m.

8. The officers arrived at the 48th Pct. with Louzon at approximately 10:34 p.m. Louzon was escorted into the precinct and lodged inside the prisoner holding cell. At approximately 12:48 a.m. on 7/19/19, EMS was summoned to the 48th Pct. to assess Louzon's reported leg wound. EMT's arrived at approximately 12:55 a.m. Louzon reported injuring his leg three days prior and needed his dressing changed as it had gotten wet in the rain. [REDACTED]
9. Louzon remained at the 48th Pct. overnight. Officers documented supervisory rounds every 30 minutes in the NYPD Prisoner Holding Pen Roster with no unusual activity noted for Louzon.
10. On 7/19/19 at approximately 9:52 a.m., officers transported Louzon along with other prisoners to Bronx Central Booking. A review of recorded video footage shows Louzon being escorted from the 48th Pct. holding cell to a transport van. Louzon was ambulatory and not showing any signs of distress. At approximately 10:09 a.m., Louzon entered into Bronx Central Booking and was lodged by officers. Louzon was again seen on recorded video footage walking into the court section ambulatory and with no obvious signs of distress. Louzon was screened by an FDNY-EMT at admission for any possible medical needs. Louzon answered all questions appropriately and did not exhibit any need for immediate medical attention. At 11:15 a.m., Louzon was lodged in the male holding cell #1014 that was under NYC DOC supervision to await arraignment in the court section.
11. At approximately 1:15 p.m., two individuals lodged with Louzon in the cell, noticed Louzon slumped over on the bench, mumbling incoherently. Louzon had attempted to get up but struggled to get to up. Louzon then stumbled forward, hit his head on the bench, and collapsed on the floor. The other individuals in the cell notified the DOC officer who immediately notified the FDNY-EMT assigned to booking. The EMT immediately responded to the cell and began rendering aid. NYPD Sgt. K.W. immediately called for an ambulance to respond.
12. FDNY BLS and ALS ambulances were dispatched at 1:24 p.m. Both FDNY units arrived at Bronx Court Section at 1:30 p.m. [REDACTED]

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13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Recommend that this case be closed as a natural death.

WITNESS, HONORABLE THOMAS J. LOUGHREN, Commissioner, NYS Commission of Correction, Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, 80 South Swan Street, 12th Floor, in the City of Albany, New York 12210 on this 29th day of March, 2022.


Thomas J. Loughren
Commissioner & Chair
Medical Review Board

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cc: Inspector Anthony S. Marino
Force Investigation Division