Final Report of the
New York State Commission of Correction:

In the Matter of the Death of

Anthony Myrie,
an incarcerated individual of the
Green Correctional Facility

December 21, 2021

To: Honorable Anthony Annucci
Acting Commissioner
NYS Department of Corrections
And Community Supervision
The Harriman State Campus
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12226

Allen Riley
Chairman

Thomas J. Loughren
Commissioner

Yolanda Canty
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 Anthony Myrie who died on February 11, 2019, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Greene Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Anthony Myrie was a 24-year-old African American male who died on 2/11/19 of a Ketamine Toxicity while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Greene Correctional Facility (CF).

2. In the instant offense, on 6/6/18 in New York City, Myrie sold cocaine to an undercover officer. From 7/21/17 until 5/25/18, Myrie and 15 subjects were part of a long-term investigation involving the selling of crack/cocaine and/or marijuana in Brooklyn. Myrie also had an immigration warrant. Myrie was sentenced to seven years in NYS DOCCS for Attempted Criminal Sale Controlled Substance 3rd Degree.

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4. Myrie was received in NYS DOCCS on 11/15/18 at the Ulster CF.

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6. In December 2018, Myrie was transferred to Greene CF.

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9. On 2/11/19 at 12:00 p.m., per the housing logbook, a red dot response was called for four individuals fighting and throwing punches at each other. The altercation stopped prior to the response team’s arrival and the incarcerated individuals were escorted off the housing unit. Per Sgt. P.P., Myrie was interviewed and stated that while in the
bathroom, an altercation began between Incarcerated Individuals and Myrie had reportedly attempted to break up the altercation.

10. Myrie was escorted to the Facility ID holding area after the examination. At 1:35 p.m., per Sgt. G., while Myrie was in the Facility ID holding area Myrie reported having chest pain and was immediately escorted to the infirmary to see RN.

11. At 1:35 p.m., EMS arrived.

12. A review of phone calls recently made by Myrie to his wife indicated that Myrie complained of low energy and just wanted to sleep and eat. Myrie reported “feeling about to flip out and people didn’t know how much power Myrie had”. Myrie also
reported recently started smoking.

**ACTIONS REQUIRED:**

**TO THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION:**

This case be closed as an undetermined death.

**TO THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ORGANIZATION (REMO):**

That the Medical Director conduct a quality assurance review regarding this incident (Greene County EMS Report #2019-00000376) in view of the postmortem findings that ruled Myrie's cause of death attributed to Ketamine toxicity. The Medical Director is requested to provide a report of any findings and corrective actions taken for the Board's review.

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 21st day of December, 2021.

Thomas J. Loughren  
Commissioner & Chair  
Medical Review Board

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cc: Dr. John Morley, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer  
Bryan Hilton, Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health  
Superintendent Brandon Smith, Greene CF