



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Niiamarte Cintron,  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Great Meadow Correctional Facility**

**March 22, 2023**

**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 Niiamarte Cintron who died on April 4, 2020, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Great Meadow Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Niiamarte Cintron was a 49 year old male who died on 4/4/20 from a cardiac arrhythmia due to acute onset diabetic hyperglycemic ketoacidosis while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Great Meadow Correctional Facility (CF). The Medical Review Board has found that the medical staff at Great Meadow CF failed to recognize Cintron's diabetic condition in the two weeks prior to the terminal event including failing to address Cintron's complaints of frequent urination with a urine test that could have identified his acute illness. The Medical Review Board opines that had proper testing and follow up been completed, Cintron's death could have been prevented.
  
2. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. In the instant offense on 8/5/16, in New York City, Cintron approached a male victim and shot him several times about the body rendering the victim paralyzed. Cintron was convicted of Attempted Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. He was sentenced to 25 years.
  
3. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].
  
4. On 11/5/19, Cintron was received at Downstate CF.
  
5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].
  
6. On 11/29/19, Cintron transferred to Great Meadow CF.

7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]. The Medical Review Board opines that there was inadequate medical care for Cintron at Great Meadow CF as a urine test was an appropriate test to be completed for an individual without any chronic medical conditions who had a sudden onset of frequent urination, and the urine test should have been obtained in a timelier manner.
10. On 4/4/20 at 5:56 a.m., Corrections Officer (CO) C. was conducting a housing unit count and supervisory tour. Cintron was noted to be unresponsive on his bed. A medical emergency was called and at 5:58 a.m., CPR was initiated. The AED was applied with no shock advised. Cintron was moved to medical with CPR in progress. At 6:06 a.m., EMS was activated. [REDACTED] At 6:29 a.m., Fort Ann EMS documented arriving at the scene. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES:

The Deputy Commissioner shall convene a comprehensive quality assurance review on the health care provided to Cintron at the Great Meadow CF with a focus on:

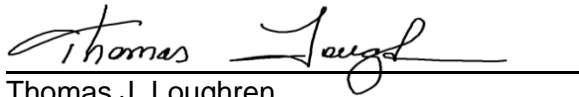
- Why a urinalysis or further workup was not performed on Cintron in a timely manner.
- Why indicated lab work was not ordered prior to or during a clinical encounter.
- Why the physical assessments performed on Cintron were not properly documented in the patient's chart.

-The supervision of the Physician Assistant by the Facility Health Services Director and whether proper supervision was being provided.

A report of findings and corrective actions shall be forwarded to the Medical Review Board upon completion.

*In a response dated 3/8/23 to the Commission's preliminary report, the Deputy Commissioner for Health Services indicated that all the requested quality assurance reviews were completed with retraining completed with medical staff at Great Meadow CF.*

WITNESS, HONORABLE THOMAS J. LOUGHREN, Commissioner, NYS Commission of Correction, Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, 80 South Swan Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, in the City of Albany, New York 12210 on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2023.



Thomas J. Loughren  
Commissioner & Chair  
Medical Review Board

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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer  
Bryan Hilton, Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health  
Superintendent Christopher Collins, Great Meadow CF