



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Krista Verga (19G0508),  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Bedford Hills Correctional Facility**

**September 27, 2022**

**To: Honorable Anthony Annucci  
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 Krista Verga who died on November 21, 2019, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Krista Verga was a 28-year-old female who died on 11/21/19 from cardiomegaly and hypoplastic coronary arteries while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility (CF). Verga was on a 1 to1 constant observation in the infirmary at the time of her death. The DOCCS Office of Special Investigations review of this case identified issues with the security response to the terminal event as well as the actions of a nurse, which were addressed at the time of their investigation.
2. [REDACTED]
3. Verga was incarcerated for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and was sentenced to two to six years. [REDACTED]. In the instant offense, on 10/26/18 in Plattsburgh, NY, Verga pointed a butcher knife at and threatened to attack the female victim in the presence of another individual.
4. [REDACTED]
5. On 7/8/19, Verga was received at the Bedford Hills CF reception center. [REDACTED]
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35. On 8/21/19, Verga was an Albion keep lock (KL)/special housing unit (SHU) admission for an infraction that she received.

36. [REDACTED]

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38. On 8/26/19, Verga was transferred to the Albion SHU. [REDACTED]

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71. On 11/5/19, Verga was transferred to Bedford CF. [REDACTED]  
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- 103. On 11/21/19 at 5:30 a.m., the master count was completed per Correction Officer (CO) S.N. Verga responded to the count by lifting her head and arm. At 6:00 a.m., Verga was noted to be laying on her stomach and moving her legs. At 6:45 a.m., Verga was laying on her stomach halfway on the mat.
- 104. On 11/21/19 at 7:07 a.m., CO S.N. who was assigned to the 1 to 1 suicide watch of Verga noted that Verga was unresponsive on the floor. CO L.F. arrived and retrieved medical staff. EMS was activated and a medical response was called. [REDACTED]
- 105. The DOCCS Office of Special Investigations noted that prior to the medical staff's arrival, CO S.N. failed to perform any life saving measures and as a result, she was terminated.
- 106. The DOCCS Office of Special Investigations noted that RN [REDACTED] administered Epinephrine which is not ordered for cardiac arrest and as a result, RN [REDACTED] was counselled and retrained in NYS DOCCS Health Services Policy 7.11: Infirmary Care- Admission, documentation, assessment, NYS DOCCS Directive 4059, CPR Pro, Code/Arrest Protocol, NYS DOCCS Health Service Policy 4.01-Inmate Health Records and NYS DOCCS Health Services Policy 4.06 Regional Medical Unit and Infirmary Health Records.
- 107. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

This case be closed as natural causes.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas J. Loughren", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas J. Loughren  
Commissioner & Chair  
Medical Review Board

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September 2022

cc: Dr. Carole Moores, Chief Medical Officer  
Bryan Hilton, Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health  
Superintendent Eileen Russell , Bedford Hills CF