



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Eric Loeser (12A5495),
an incarcerated individual of the
Clinton Correctional Facility**

January 25, 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

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Commissioner

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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 Eric Loeser who died on March 25, 2019, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Clinton Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Eric Loeser was a 28-year-old Caucasian male who died on 3/25/19, due to a suicidal hanging while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Clinton Correctional Facility (CF).
2. Loeser was born in Albany, NY. Loeser was survived by his parents and brother. Loeser was single and did not have any children. Loeser received a high school diploma, and he was previously employed as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). There was no further information available to the Commission regarding Loeser's demographic or social history.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED].
5. Loeser's only contact with the criminal justice system was related to the instant offenses that took place in 2010, at the age of 19, and 2011, at the age of 20. On 10/4/11, Loeser was arrested by the New York State Police and he was charged with Kidnapping 1st Degree, Predatory Sex Assault Against Child <13, Criminal Sexual Act 1st Degree, Sexual Abuse 1st Degree. Loeser pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Act 1st Degree, Kidnapping 2nd Degree, Sexual Abuse 2nd Degree, and Criminal Sexual Act 3rd Degree. Loeser was sentenced to 20 ½ years in NYS DOCCS, a term of 246 months of Post Release Supervision time, and an order of protection.
6. Loeser was admitted to NYS DOCCS at Downstate CF on 12/11/12. Loeser was transferred from Downstate CF to Sing Sing CF on 12/27/12, for program purposes. Loeser was transferred from Sing Sing CF to Clinton CF on 1/22/13. Loeser was transferred from Clinton CF's general population to the Clinton CF's Assessment Program Participation Unit (APPU) on 3/28/14 in order to be separated from other incarcerated individuals. This is where Loeser remained until the terminal event. This was Loeser's first admission in NYS DOCCS.

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15. The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) interviewed RN ██████. and noted that RN ██████. failed to take control of the medical emergency and did not provide direction to security staff during the emergency response. OSI revealed that a C-Collar was not applied to Loeser's neck by RN ██████ after Loeser was found hanging, and that the first dose of Narcan was administered in an untimely manner. OSI also revealed that CPR was not being performed during the transport of Loeser from LH-4 company to the facility ER due to the speed of the officers transport to get Loeser to the ER. However, the BVM was still being used and the AED was still applied with no shock advised. Once security staff got Loeser to the elevator in the medical building, they resumed CPR. In May 2019, DOCCS Health Services provided training to RN ██████. at Clinton CF. The topics included many criteria's, but specifically included providing leadership, direction/redirection during emergency responses, utilizing the algorithm for suspected spinal injuries, and how to properly use the emergency response forms. Based on RN ██████ being a probationary employee at that time, the case was referred to NYS DOCCS Personnel for any action they deemed appropriate.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

This case be closed as a suicide.

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 25th day of January, 2023.



Thomas J. Loughren
Commissioner & Chair
Medical Review Board

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