



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**John Miller,
an incarcerated individual of the
Suffolk County Jail**

January 25, 2023

**To: Sheriff Errol D. Toulon Jr.
Suffolk County Sheriff's Office
100 Center Drive
Riverhead, New York 11901**

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 John Miller who died on December 26, 2020 , as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Suffolk County Sheriff at the Suffolk County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. John Miller was a 45-year-old male who died on 12/26/20 due to morbid obesity with hypertensive cardiovascular disease and obstructive sleep apnea with contributory combined effects of Methadone, Gabapentin, and Amitriptyline while in the custody of the Suffolk County Sheriff at the Suffolk County Jail. The nature of the death was ruled as accidental due to the medication therapy. The Medical Review Board has found that Miller's cause of death was cardiovascular disease with manner being natural, as the his levels of medication were within therapeutic range and at insufficient levels to cause respiratory arrest.

2. [REDACTED] . In the instant offense, on 3/22/20, Miller stole a vehicle in the Town of Brookhaven. Miller was incarcerated on charges of Burglary 3rd Degree and was eventually sentenced to serve three and a half to seven years. Miller was awaiting a transfer to NYS DOCCS at the time of his death.

3. [REDACTED]

4. On 3/23/20, Miller was admitted to the Suffolk County Jail. [REDACTED]

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14. On 4/18/20, Miller notified the officer that he could no longer be housed on 1S/E as he had conflicts with other incarcerated individuals (IIs). Miller was rehoused on 2W/N.

15. [REDACTED]

16. [REDACTED]

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55. On 9/18/20, Miller was taken to court and was sentenced to three and a half to seven years.

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74. [REDACTED]

75. On 12/26/20, a review of the supervisory tours completed on the 4 east housing unit revealed that the tours were performed every 30 minutes as required. The last supervisory tour was made at 5:31 a.m. At 6:00 a.m., CO L.F. was doing the morning food cart when another incarcerated individual notified the officer that Miller in cell 26 and was not responding. CO L.F. attempted to wake Miller without response. A medical response was called. CPR was initiated and the AED was applied without shock advised. At 6:09 a.m., EMS was activated, and Flanders Ambulance arrived at 6:23 a.m.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

76. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. The Medical Review Board opines that the manner of death should be natural as the levels of medications in Miller's system were within therapeutic ranges and insufficient to cause respiratory arrest.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

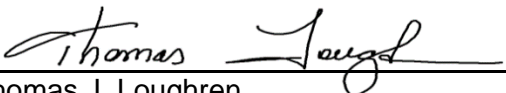
TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN:

That this case be closed as a natural death.

TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE:

That the Medical Examiner review the Medical Review Board's findings in this matter and give consideration to Miller's manner of death being listed as "Natural" as the levels of medications in Miller's system were within therapeutic ranges and insufficient to cause respiratory arrest and 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 25th day of January, 2023.



Thomas J. Loughren
Commissioner & Chair
Medical Review Board

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