



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Joshua Morgan (10B1552),  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Elmira 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 Joshua Morgan who died on July 27, 2019, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Elmira Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following preliminary report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Joshua Morgan was a 32-year-old white male who died on 7/27/19 at 6:59 a.m. of a suicidal hanging while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) at the Elmira Correctional Facility (CF).
  
2. Morgan was born in Elmira, New York. Morgan was single with no children. Morgan was an active Aryan Nations gang member. [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
  
3. [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. In the instant offense, Morgan was arrested on 9/3/09 after setting fire to a residence causing the death of a male and female victim who were inside. Morgan claimed that he was under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine at the time of the offense. On 5/17/10, Morgan was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.
  
4. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].
  
5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. Morgan was first received by DOCCS on 5/24/10. From 2010 through 2019, Morgan spent time moving around various New York State prisons for confinement due to his disciplinary sanctions and the need to be separated from other Incarcerated Individuals. Over those 9 years, Morgan was transferred between Elmira CF, Sing Sing CF, Great Meadow CF, Southport CF, Auburn CF, Clinton CF, Wende CF, Green Haven CF, Attica CF, and Upstate C F. Morgan's disciplinary record included charges for contraband, drug possession, smuggling, harassment, violations of direct orders, being out of place, smoking, fighting, alcohol intoxication, drug use, violent conduct, interference, false information, obstructing visibility, movement violation, creating a disturbance, vandalizing, unauthorized calls, stealing and weapon possession. Morgan had been in the Special Housing Unit (SHU) at Upstate CF and transferred to general confinement at Elmira CF on 11/6/18.

8. Morgan was admitted to the Elmira Long Term Keep Lock (LTKL) on 2/26/19 due to receiving a ticket for Facility Visiting, Drug Possession, Smuggling and Contraband.

[REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Due to Morgan's actions, Morgan was provided a misbehavior ticket for Assault on Staff, Unhygienic Act, Direct Order and Threats.  
[REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

15. On 7/24/19, [REDACTED]



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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