



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Raffin Vellon (08A5440),
an incarcerated individual of the
Great Meadow Correctional Facility**

June 28, 2023

**To: Honorable Daniel Martuscello
Acting Commissioner
NYS Department of Corrections
And Community Supervision
The Harriman State Campus
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12226**

Allen Riley
Chairman

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 Raffin Vellon who died on October 2, 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. Raffin Vellon was a 52-year-old male who died on 10/2/20 due to respiratory arrest due to a large pulmonary embolism while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at Great Meadow Correctional Facility (CF).
2. [REDACTED]. In the instant offense on 10/23/06, Vellon killed his common-law spouse and her son with a knife and a barbell. After he killed the two individuals, he also killed a man who was working in the capacity of the building superintendent by hitting him with the barbell over the head repeatedly. Vellon admitted guilt in all three murders and indicated that he was under a lot of stress and high on heroin. Vellon was convicted of Murder 1st Degree and Murder 2nd Degree and was sentenced to 40 years to Life.
3. [REDACTED].
4. [REDACTED]
5. In October 2008, Vellon was received in NYS DOCCS. [REDACTED] in February 2019. Vellon was transferred to Great Meadow CF [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]

7. [Redacted]
8. [Redacted]
9. [Redacted]
10. [Redacted]
11. [Redacted]
12. [Redacted]
13. [Redacted]
14. [Redacted]
15. [Redacted]
16. [Redacted]
17. [Redacted]

18. [REDACTED]

19. [REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

22. [REDACTED]

23. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

24. This case was reviewed and investigated by the NYS Office of Special Investigations with no findings noted.

25. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

That this case be closed as natural causes.

WITNESS, HONORABLE ALLEN RILEY, Chairman, 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 28th day of June, 2023.



Allen Riley
Chairman
Commission of Correction

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