



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Ramon Escobar (17A0317),  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Sing Sing CF**

**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 Ramon Escobar who died on April 21, 2020, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Ramon Escobar was a 63-year-old male who died on 4/21/20 due to COVID-19 while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility (CF). The Medical Review Board has found that DOCCS medical staff failed to follow physician orders pertaining to vital signs and failed to document as per NYS DOCCS policy.

2. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. In the instant offense, on 4/10/11, in Brooklyn, NY, Escobar stabbed a known victim in the leg causing his death. Escobar was convicted of Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and sentenced to 20 years in NYS DOCCS.

3. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

4. Escobar was received in NYS DOCCS in January 2017. In May 2019, Escobar was transferred to Sing Sing CF.

5. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

6. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

7. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

8. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].



13. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] EMS was activated at 9:49 p.m. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
At 10:10 p.m., EMS arrived, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES:

1. The Deputy Commissioner shall convene a quality assurance review with Sing Sing CF nursing staff regarding compliance with Health Services Policy 4.06 Regional Medical Unit and Infirmary Health Records that requires *shift notes to be completed every shift after the inmate is admitted and for the next 48 hours.*
2. The Deputy Commissioner shall convene a quality assurance review with Sing Sing CF nursing staff regarding:
  - a. Following physician's orders for vital signs
  - b. Assuring that adequate oxygen is in the oxygen tanks
3. The Deputy Commissioner shall investigate why Escobar was not transported to the hospital on 4/8/20 despite documented evidence of oxygen desaturation and a physician's order to have him transported.

*In a response dated 4/26/23 to the Commission's preliminary report, the Deputy Commissioner of Health Services indicated that all requested reviews were completed with applicable staff retraining.*

TO THE REGIONAL MEDICAL ADVISOR COMMITTEE AND MEDICAL CONTROL  
DIRECTOR FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY:

That the Medical Control Director conduct a quality assurance review of the EMS call for Escobar on 4/8/20 (call # E2011584) pertaining to why an order to have a patient transported by a physician was not followed and why there was no consultation with medical control.

*In a response dated 4/18/23 to the Commission's preliminary report, the EMS Medical Director indicated that the requested quality assurance review was completed along with a review with the EMS providers on contacting medical control.*

WITNESS, HONORABLE ALLEN RILEY, Chairman, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.



Allen Riley  
Chairman  
Commission of Correction

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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer  
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Superintendent Michael Capra, Sing Sing CF