



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Stephen DeProspero (11B2391),
an incarcerated individual of the
Attica Correctional Facility**

September 27, 2022

**To: Honorable Anthony Annucci
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

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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 Stephen DeProspero who died on January 3, 2020, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Attica Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Stephen DeProspero was a 46-year-old Caucasian male who died on 1/3/20 from a suicidal hanging while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Attica Correctional Facility (CF).
2. DeProspero was born in Rome, NY. DeProspero was survived by his parents. DeProspero was single and did not have any children. DeProspero claimed receiving a high school diploma in 1993 but the information was unverified. DeProspero was employed as a Developmental Aid for the Central New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office (CNY DDSO) for eight years.
3. [REDACTED]. In the instant offense, on 7/25/11, in Hartford, NY, Prospero engaged in oral sexual contact with a 10-year-old male by placing his penis in the male victim's mouth while filming the act. DeProspero violated probation due to this arrest and conviction. DeProspero was sentenced to serve 18 years to Life in NYS DOCCS for Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child.
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. DeProspero was admitted to NYS DOCCS at the Elmira Correctional Facility on 8/5/2011. DeProspero was transferred to Attica CF on 9/1/2011. This is where DeProspero remained until the terminal event. This was DeProspero's first admission in NYS DOCCS.
7. During DeProspero's incarceration, DeProspero received one Tier II infraction for direct order and obstructing visibility. His sanctions included: 10 days of no recreation, no packages, no commissary, and no phone. DeProspero received two Tier III infractions for direct order and urinalysis tests. His sanctions included: keeplock, no recreation, no packages, no commissary, and no phone.

8. During DeProspero' s incarceration at Attica CF, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

10. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

11. [REDACTED]
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12. [REDACTED]
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13. [REDACTED]
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14. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED].

22. [REDACTED]

23. [REDACTED]

24. [REDACTED]

25. On 1/2/20 at 11:25 p.m., Sergeant (Sgt.) K.B. and Corrections Officer (CO) R.L. were conducting a count round on 48 Company. As they approached #22 Cell that housed


DeProspero, Sgt. K.B. and CO R.L. observed DeProspero unresponsive, sitting on the floor against the cell bars and facing towards the back of the cell. Around DeProspero's neck was a garrote fashioned from a shoelace that was tied to the cell bar. Sgt. K.B. immediately called a medical emergency and CO R.L. used the facility cut-down tool to cut the garrote from around DeProspero's neck. Staff immediately responded and entered DeProspero's cell and moved DeProspero from his cell to the Gallery floor. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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 27th day of September 2022.


Thomas J. Loughren
Commissioner & Chair
Medical Review Board

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