



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Steve Constas (06A5704),
an incarcerated individual of the
Wende 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 Steve Conostas who died on October 6, 2020, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Wende Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Steven Conostas was a 68-year-old Caucasian male who died on 10/6/20 from a self-inflicted penetrating injury of the face while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Wende Correctional Facility (CF) in the Regional Medical Unit (RMU). The Medical Review Board has found that as Conostas' death resulted from complications that developed after a self-inflicting injury, his manner of death should be ruled as a suicide.

2. Conostas was born in Brooklyn, NY. Conostas was survived by his sister. Conostas was single and did not have any children. Conostas reported finishing the 9th grade and then working in his family's restaurant.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

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12. [REDACTED]
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13. [REDACTED]
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14. [REDACTED]
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15. On 7/31/19, Conostas was transferred from Five Points CF [REDACTED] to Wende CF [REDACTED]
16. [REDACTED]
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17. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
18. On 9/1/20 at 6:10 a.m., Corrections Officer (CO) P.N. documented in the unit logbook

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