

Final Report of the New York State Commission of Correction:

In the Matter of the Death of

Gregory Velez (14A4501), an incarcerated individual of the Green Haven Correctional Facility

September 27, 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

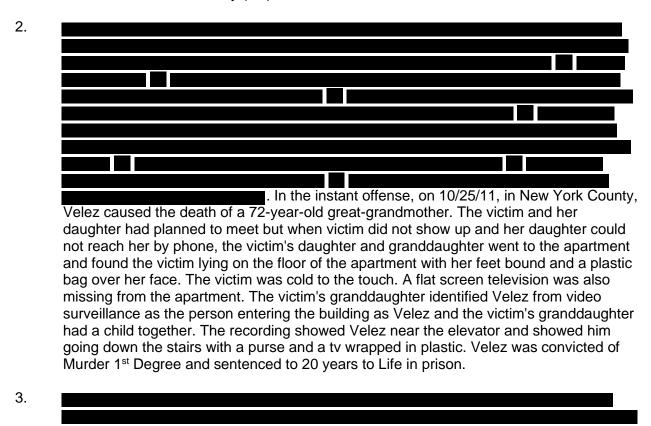
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GREETINGS:

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 Gregory Velez who died on November 18, 2020, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Green Haven Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

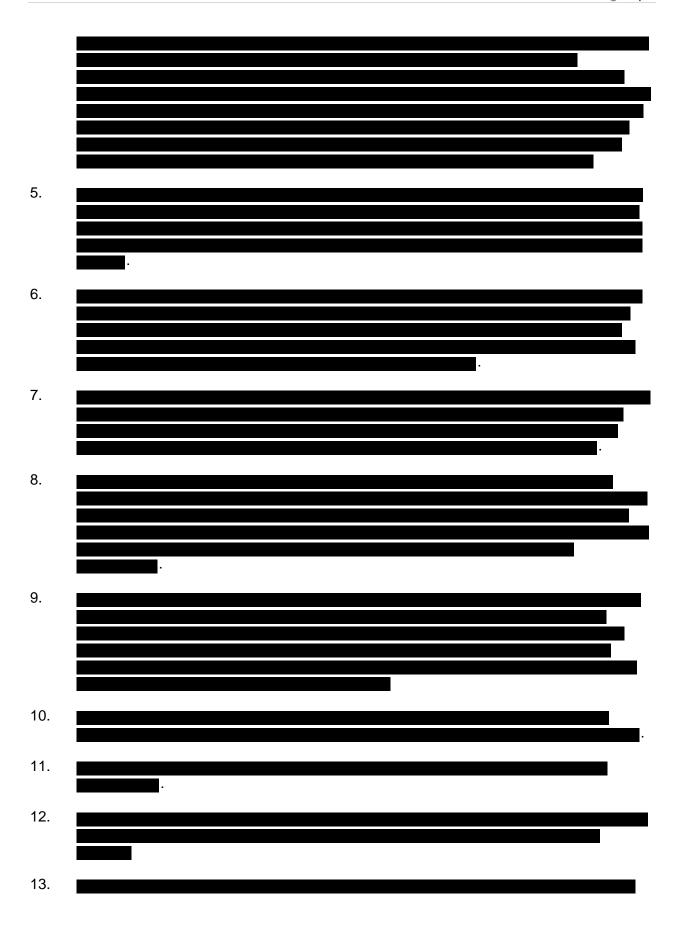
1. Gregory Velez was a 44-year-old male who died on 11/18/20 due to Acute Fentanyl and synthetic cannabinoid intoxication while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Green Haven Correctional Facility (CF).





transferred to Great Meadow CF. In April 2015, Velez transferred to Auburn CF. In November 2016, Velez transferred to Southport CF. In January 2017, Velez transferred to Five Points CF. In April 2018, Velez transferred to Green Haven CF. Velez had an infraction for drug use in 2018.

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and no for the admini was ac Nurse	ted Velez was fac count and respon stered Narcan witl	e down and unres ded to the cell. Sg hout the desired et m., CPR was initia	ponsive in his cell. t J.G. and CO C.P. ffect. CO O.A. appli	conducting a security Sgt. J.G. was on the entered the cell. CO ed the AED but no s ely 11:34 p.m., Regis
approx	imately 11:40 p.m	., EMS was activa	ted.	

17. Per the NYS Office of Special Investigations report, a search of Velez's cell revealed no drugs but 3 plexiglass shank type weapons measuring 5 ½" x 1which were sharpened to a point were found in a coat pocket hanging in Velez's cell.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION:

This case be closed as an accidental overdose.

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 27th day of September, 2023.

Allen Riley Chairman

Commission of Correction

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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer James Donahue, Associate Commissioner of Mental Health Superintendent Mark Miller, Green Haven CF