



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Jingzh Li (10A0079),
an incarcerated individual of the
Elmira 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

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 Jingzh Li who died on April 14, 2022, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Elmira Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Jingzh Li was a 58-year-old male who died on 4/14/2022 due to a suicidal hanging while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Elmira Correctional Facility (CF).
2. Li's criminal history commenced in 2009, at the age of 46, and consisted of his first and only felony conviction. Li repeatedly struck three victims in the head with a hammer and placed one of the victims in a large freezer and continued to strike him with a hammer. All victims suffered serious injuries. Li reported committing the instant offense in self-defense after a business discussion escalated and he was attacked by the three individuals. Li was charged with two counts of Attempted Murder 2nd Degree and Assault 1st Degree and was sentenced to 20 years in prison with 5-years post release supervision.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. In August 2018, Li was transferred from Green Haven CF to Elmira CF and placed in General Population (GP).
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]

11. On 4/13/22, Li fell in the mess hall and accidentally pulled a kitchen tray onto his face causing lacerations. He was immediately seen by medical [REDACTED].
12. On 4/14/22 at 5:30 a.m., a medical emergency was called after Correction Officer (CO) Z.M. observed Li hanging by his neck from the light fixture in his cell. At 5:31 a.m., Li's cell was opened. CO Z.M. and CO L.H. then entered finding Li unresponsive with a brown extension cord wrapped around his neck. Sgt. J.W. arrived next at the cell while CO Z.M. and CO L.H. lowered Li to the ground and began CPR by 5:32 a.m. At 5:33 a.m., RN [REDACTED] and RN [REDACTED] arrived at the scene [REDACTED].
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] At 5:38 a.m., Erway Ambulance was notified of the emergency. Erway Ambulance arrived at the scene at 5:50 a.m. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

This case be closed as a suicide.

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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