



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Walter Ance,  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Eric M. Center**

**September 27, 2023**

**To: Commissioner Louis Molina  
NYC Department of Correction  
75-20 Astoria Blvd., Suite 100  
East Elmhurst, NY 11370**

**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 Walter Ance who died on April 11, 2020, as result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the New York City Department of Correction, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Walter Ance was a 63-year-old male who died on 4/11/20 due to COVID-19 infection while in the custody of the New York City Department of Corrections (NYC DOC) at Bellevue Hospital. Ance was the second Incarcerated Individual (II) to die from COVID-19 while in the custody of the NYC DOC.

2. On 3/25/19, Ance was admitted into the NYC DOC from Queens Criminal Court after being charged with Attempted Murder, Criminal Contempt, and Witness Tampering. Ance's court date was pending.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. On 3/28/20 at 7:04 p.m., Ance was transferred from VCBC to EMTC. (EMTC closed in March 2020 but was immediately reopened in response to the pandemic for processing new intakes showing COVID-19 symptoms and for II's in custody who had tested

positive for COVID-19.)

7. [REDACTED]. Ance's court date was documented as being on 3/28/20 at 10:10 p.m. There was no documentation available to the Commission as to whether Ance appeared before the court. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED].
10. [REDACTED]
11. [REDACTED]
12. [REDACTED]
13. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

This case be closed as a natural death.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



Allen Riley  
Chairman  
Commission of Correction

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