



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Michael Tyson,
an incarcerated individual of the
Eric M. Taylor Center**

December 20, 2023

**To: Commissioner Lynelle Maginley-Liddie
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 Michael Tyson who died on April 5, 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. Michael Tyson was a 53-year-old male who died on 4/5/20 due to COVID-19 infection while in the custody of the New York City Department of Corrections (NYC DOC) at Bellevue Hospital. Tyson was the first Incarcerated Individual (II) to die from COVID-19 while in the custody of the NYC DOC.
2. On 2/28/20, Tyson was admitted into the NYC DOC Vernon C. Bain Center (VCBC) on a parole violation after being charged with Attempted Criminal Sale Controlled Substance 3rd Degree. Tyson was a New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) parolee and was being held on a warrant. Tyson was released to Parole Supervision from NYS DOCCS Fishkill Correctional Facility on 3/1/19. Tyson's parole hearing was scheduled for 3/23/20 but was postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED]

9. [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, 12th Floor, in the City of Albany, New York 12210 on this 20^h day of December, 2023.



Allen Riley
Chairman
Commission of Correction

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