



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Michael Wallace,
an incarcerated individual of the
Westchester County Department of Correction**

December 20, 2023

**To: Commissioner Joseph Spano
Westchester Department of Correction
PO Box 389
Valhalla, New York 10595**

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 Wallace who died on October 2, 2022, as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction at the Westchester County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Michael Wallace was a 49-year-old male who died on 10/2/22 due to Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease while in the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction (WCDOC) at the Westchester County Jail.

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In September 2022, Wallace was arraigned on two counts Burglary 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief, two counts of Petit Larceny, and False Personation. These charges were abated by his death.

3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. On 9/19/22, Wallace was received at the Westchester DOC and per the intake questionnaire, Wallace denied taking any medications. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- 5.

[REDACTED]

- 6.

[REDACTED]

- 7. [Redacted]
- 8. [Redacted]
- 9. [Redacted]
- 10. [Redacted]
- 11. [Redacted]
- 12. [Redacted]
- 13. [Redacted]
- 14. [Redacted]

15. [REDACTED]

16. On 10/2/22, Officer V. noted in the logbook that security tours were completed and that all appeared secure at 5:14 a.m., 5:39 a.m., 5:44 a.m. , 6:04 a.m., 6:28 a.m., and 6:52 a.m. . A ring tour, which requires the officer to tour the entire housing area and swipe his card at certain area on the housing unit, was completed at 7:03 a.m. and 7:24 a.m. A review of the recorded housing area video confirmed that rounds were completed by Officer V. at the documented times.

17. On 10/2/22 at 7:35 a.m., Officer A.D. was working I block and attempted to wake Wallace for his medications and noted that Wallace was unresponsive. Officer D. notified RN [REDACTED], and a medical response was called. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At 7:47 a.m., Empress Ambulance arrived and assumed care of Wallace at 7:51 a.m. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN:

The Jail Physician shall conduct a quality assurance review with the responding medical staff to the terminal event to ascertain why Glucagon was administered to the unresponsive patient instead of Glucose given that IV access had been established.

A report of the findings any corrective actions taken shall be forwarded to the Board upon completion.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] *The Medical Review Board finds that issue in question, why Glucose) for IV administration was not provided once the IV was established, was not answered in the response. This will be subject to further review by the Commission at a later date.*

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 December 20, 2023.



Allen Riley
Chairman
Commission of Correction

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