



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Hale Adler (10A5272),
an incarcerated individual of the
Green Haven Correctional Facility**

June 25, 2024

**To: Honorable Daniel F. Martuscello, III
Commissioner
NYS Department of Corrections
And Community Supervision
The Harriman State Campus
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12226**

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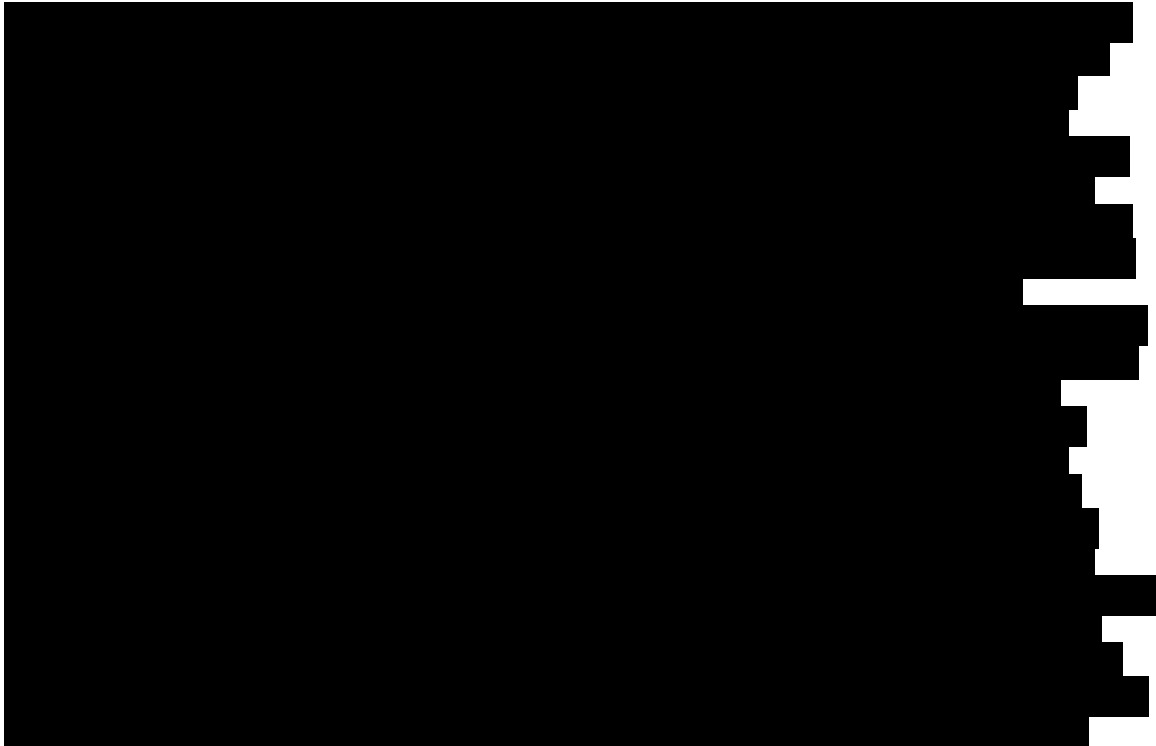
GREETINGS:

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 Hale Adler, who died on July 14, 2021, 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. Hale Adler was a 36-year-old transgender woman who was assigned male at birth, who died on 7/14/21 from an Acute Fentanyl 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).
2. The instant offense represented Adler's first contact with the criminal justice system. On 4/2/09, Adler who was a resident at a group home for the mentally ill, befriended a female less than 17 years old and forcefully engaged in sexual intercourse with her. On 4/21/09, Adler followed the first victim's friend, who was also less than 17 years old, and forcibly engaged in intercourse with her. Adler was convicted of Rape 3rd Degree. Adler was initially sentenced on 4/16/10 to time served and five years probation. However, Adler violated his probation and was resentenced on 11/4/10 to a state prison term of four years and 10 years post release supervision. Adler's maximum expiration for DOCCS supervision was 10/2/2023. Adler was released to parole on 10/2/2013 and returned on 5/22/2014. Adler was released again on 4/17/2015 to parole but was returned to DOCCS on 8/17/2015. Adler was released to parole a final time on 5/26/2017 but was returned to DOCCS on 8/18/2017 where he remained until his death.

3.



[REDACTED]

4. Adler was received in NYS DOCCS on 11/12/10. Adler had been transferred numerous times throughout the incarceration. Adler was paroled in 2013 but returned on a parole violation in August 2014 and was transferred to Fishkill CF. In November 2015, Adler transferred to Woodbourne CF. In July 2016, Adler transferred to Eastern CF. In October 2017, Adler transferred to Clinton CF. In August 2020, Adler transferred to Hudson CF.

5. On 2/19/21, Adler stood on a radiator in her room with a torn sheet around her neck that was tethered to the ceiling. Adler threatened to jump off the radiator. Adler did get off the radiator and there were no ligature marks noted. Adler was placed on constant observation.

6. [REDACTED]

7. On 2/23/21, Adler was transferred to Woodbourne CF.

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. On 4/18/21, Adler was admitted to the Sullivan CF [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

15. [REDACTED]

16. [REDACTED]

17. [REDACTED]

18. [REDACTED]

19. [REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

22. On 5/11/21, Adler was transferred to Green Haven CF. [REDACTED]

23. [REDACTED]

24. [REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]

26. [REDACTED]

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. [REDACTED]

30. [REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]

33. [REDACTED]

34. [REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]

36. On 6/10/21, Adler was seen by Dr. Q. and Social Worker (SW) II S.B-R. in the RCTP for [REDACTED]

37. [REDACTED]

38. [REDACTED]

39. [REDACTED]

40. [REDACTED]

41. [REDACTED]

42. [REDACTED]

43. [REDACTED]

44. [REDACTED]

45. [REDACTED]

46. [REDACTED]

47. [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
48. [REDACTED]
49. [REDACTED]
50. [REDACTED]
51. [REDACTED]
52. [REDACTED]
53. On 7/14/21 at 8:25 p.m., Corrections Officer (CO) D.B. was conducting a supervisory tour and noted that Adler appeared pale and unresponsive to verbal direction. CO D.B. observed Adler fall off her bunk onto the cell floor. CO D.B. called a medical response. CO J.N. arrived and Adler was moved onto the gallery floor and at 8:28 p.m., cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was initiated. Medical staff arrived. [REDACTED]
54. A [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

This case be closed as an overdose.

WITNESS, HONORABLE YOLANDA CANTY, Commissioner 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 25th day of June 2024.



Yolanda Canty
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