



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Troy Cartwright (21A1644),
an incarcerated individual of the
Attica 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**

Allen Riley
Chairman

Yolanda Canty
Commissioner

Elizabeth Gaynes
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 Troy Cartwright, who died on March 24, 2022, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Attica Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Troy Cartwright was a 57-year-old male who died on 3/24/22 due to an acute intoxication of the combined effects of Fentanyl, Morphine, and Diphenhydramine while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Attica Correctional Facility (CF).
2. Cartwright was born in Valhalla, NY. Cartwright was single and unemployed. There was no further demographic or social history available to the Commission regarding Cartwright.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. On 8/27/21, Cartwright was admitted to NYS DOCCS at the Downstate CF after being extradited from Virginia to serve his 22-years to Life sentence for Murder 2nd Degree that occurred in 1993 in the City of White Plains, NY. [REDACTED]
7. On 9/30/21, Cartwright was transferred from Downstate CF to Attica CF for program purposes.
8. Cartwright did not receive any infractions during his incarceration.
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. On 3/19/22 at 3:00 p.m., Corrections Officer (CO) M.F. assumed the tour duty on A Block 5.

12. On 3/19/22 at 3:30 p.m., CO R.M. completed rounds on the block.
13. On 3/19/22 at 4:15 p.m., medication rounds were completed on the block.
14. On 3/19/22 at 5:30 p.m., CO M.F. documented in the A Block 5 logbook that the round count was delayed due to movement to the mess hall for dinner.
15. On 3/19/22 at 6:05 p.m., CO M.F. observed Cartwright unresponsive laying on the floor in his cell . Cartwright had a pulse and the officer immediately called for a medical emergency. At 6:10 p.m., the officer administered the first dose of Narcan nasally, with no response. Other officers arrived at the scene and the Automated External Device (AED) was applied but no shock was advised. Cartwright was placed on a stretcher and transported to the facility emergency room (ER) by security. As the officers arrived at the ER with Cartwright, the AED had just analyzed and advised no shock.

[REDACTED]

The Medical Review Board questions the blood pressure readings that were documented during the response as Cartwright was pulseless without respirations.

16. On 3/19/22 at 6:45 p.m., Monroe Ambulance arrived at the scene and assumed the care of Cartwright with Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

[REDACTED]

17. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

18.

[REDACTED]

19.

[REDACTED]

20.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES:

The Deputy Commissioner shall convene a comprehensive quality assurance review on the health care provided to Cartwright at the Attica CF with a focus on:

The inadequate nursing assessment of Cartwright on 3/19/22 at 6:14 p.m., when a blood pressure reading was obtained twice on Cartwright who was pulseless and not breathing at the time.

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

In a response dated 4/15/2024, NYS DOCCS indicated that the requested review was completed with corrective action training completed.

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
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer
James Donahue, Associate Commissioner of Mental Health
Superintendent Julie Wolcott, Attica CF