



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Adam Perham (21B1688),  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Elmira 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 Adam Perham, who died on November 15, 2021, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Elmira Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Adam Perham was a 38-year-old male who died on 11/15/21 following a cardiac event due to drug intoxication while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Elmira Correctional Facility (CF).

2. [REDACTED] . In the instant offense, in January 2020, Perham possessed oxycodone with the intent to sell. While detained in the county jail, he possessed a sharpened toothbrush and methamphetamine. Perham was charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and was sentenced to 3-years in state prison which was his first NYS DOCCS sentence.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. On 10/12/21, Perham arrived at Elmira Reception Center [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

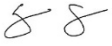
7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. On 10/22/21, Perham was moved to Elmira General Population.
11. [REDACTED]
12. [REDACTED]
13. [REDACTED]
14. On 11/15/21 at 6:43 p.m., Perham was returning from commissary when he fell and became unresponsive outside of the infirmary. A medical emergency was initiated and Correction Officer (CO) D.M, CO K.G, Registered Nurse (RN) T.S, Sergeant (SGT) J.W and Sgt R.S responded. Perham was breathing and had a pulse but was unresponsive. At 6:44 p.m., RN T.S administered a dose of nasal Narcan and performed a sternum rub with no response. CO D.M placed Perham in a wheelchair and moved him to the infirmary. At 6:47 p.m., a second dose of nasal Narcan was administered with no change. CPR was initiated at 6:50 p.m. and a third dose of nasal Narcan was used. The AED was applied and a shock was advised which was delivered at 6:51 p.m. Erway Ambulance was called at 6:52 p.m. At 6:53 p.m., another shock was advised and delivered. [REDACTED]
15. Erway Ambulance staff arrived at Perham's side at 7:03 p.m. and assumed care of Perham. [REDACTED]
16. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

This case be closed as an accidental overdose.

WITNESS, HONORABLE YOLANDA CANTY, Commissioner, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



Yolanda Canty  
Commissioner  
Commission of Correction

YC:AH :vc  
2021-M-0154  
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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer  
James Donahue, Associate Commissioner of Mental Health  
Superintendent Kevin McCarthy, Elmira CF