



**Commission of
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Special Investigation into the Care and Treatment
Provided to**

**Anthony Scott,
an incarcerated individual of the
Manhattan Detention Center**

June 25, 2024

**To: Commissioner Lynelle Maginley-Liddie
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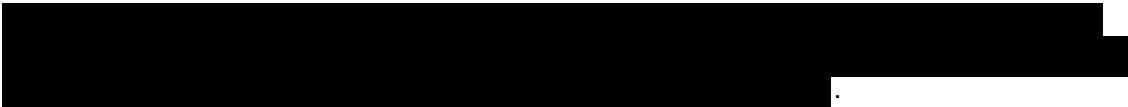
GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Medical Review Board has reported to the NYS Commission of Correction pursuant to Correction Law, section 47(1)(e), regarding the care and treatment provided to Anthony Scott which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYC Department of Correction, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Anthony Scott was a 58-year-old male who died on 10/16/21 at New York Presbyterian Hospital after being released from the custody by New York City Department of Correction (NYC DOC). Scott had hung himself in the Manhattan Detention Center in a holding cell on 10/14/21. Scott was resuscitated at the scene prior to being hospitalized and was later compassionately released from custody on 10/15/21. While being detained in a holding cell, Scott inserted an object into the locking device of the cell door to obstruct staff from entering. Scott then tied a string around his neck and hung himself by tying that string to a partition wall and laid on the floor. The Medical Review Board has found that the officers assigned to supervise Scott failed to adequately supervise him in accordance with the requirements of the Minium Standards.

2. . On 10/13/21, Scott was arrested and charged with three counts of Assault 2nd Degree. Scott was remanded on bail and his court case was adjourned until 10/18/21. Scott was housed in New Admission Holding Pen 2 at 12:48 p.m.

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4. On 10/14/21 at 12:48 p.m., per the logbook, Scott was placed in the cell. The logbook also indicated that his assigned owning facility was EMTC in pen C-0-2. The Arraignment and Classification sheet was completed. The suicide prevention screen

indicated that Scott used heroin and was referred to medical.

5. On 10/14/21 a 4:07 p.m., a supervisory visit was made by Corrections Officer (CO) C.R. This was the last supervisory visit completed until Scott was discovered hanging in the holding pen. This is in violation of 9 NYCRR §7003.3(a) which states: *Active supervision shall be maintained in all facility housing areas including, multiple occupancy housing units, when any prisoners are confined in such areas but not secured in their individual housing units.*

6. A review of the recorded camera footage revealed:

At 4:13 p.m., Scott was seen to be putting something in the locking device of the cell.

At 4:17 p.m., Scott was seen with a string in his hands.

At 4:20 p.m., Scott tied the string around the partition next to the toilet in the cell.

At 4:21 p.m. Scott laid down on floor with the ligature around his neck.

7. On 10/14/21 at 4:46 p.m., Scott was found by CO C.R. Scott was sitting on the floor of the pen unresponsive with a black shoestring tied to the toilet stall and around his neck. CO C.R. and responding officers attempted to open the cell door but were unable to unlock the door with the keys as the lock mechanism was jammed. At 4:50 p.m., Captain B. notified court control to contact the fire department and emergency medical services to assist in opening the gate as the keyhole was found to be stuffed with paper and rendered inoperable. Captain J., Captain O. and Assistant Deputy Warden B. responded. Security staff made multiple attempts to gain entry to the cell without any success. Captain O. utilized a 911 knife attached to a broom stick to cut the string from around Scott's neck that was attached to the partition. At approximately 5:00 p.m., New York City Fire Department (FDNY) responded. At 5:02 p.m., FDNY gained access to the cell

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9. On 10/15/21, Scott was granted compassionate release.

10. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:

The Commissioner shall conduct an investigation into the staff assigned to supervise Scott and take administrative action if found to be in violation of department directives.

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

In a response dated May 14, 2024 to the Commission's preliminary report, NYC DOC indicated that the requested investigation was complete with three DOC members who were identified for having administrative action taken.

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.



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