



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**William Shafer (13A0879),
an incarcerated individual of the
Clinton 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 William Shafer, who died on June 30, 2021, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Clinton Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. William Shafer was a 34-year-old male who died on 6/30/21 due to a fentanyl overdose while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Clinton Correctional Facility (CF).
2. [REDACTED] In the instant offense in 2012, Shafer possessed and sold cocaine and was in violation of failing to register as a sex offender stemming from a previous conviction. He was charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and was sentenced to 3 years of incarceration in a state prison. During his admission to NYS DOCCS, he admitted to having enemies in NYS DOCCS and was a reported member of the Latin Kings gang.
3. [REDACTED]
4. On 1/12/20, Shafer was placed in the Special Housing Unit (SHU) for contraband, drug possession, smuggling, and a phone violation. [REDACTED]
5. On 6/6/20, Shafer was placed in the SHU for violent conduct, creating a disturbance, fighting, and refusing a direct order. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. On 9/27/20, Shafer engaged in a suicide attempt by ingesting several prescribed self-carry medications. He was treated in an outside hospital until 9/30/20 when he returned to Gouverneur CF [REDACTED]
8. On 10/7/20, Shafer was transferred to Clinton CF. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

12.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

16.

[REDACTED]

17.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

19. On 11/6/20, Shafer was placed in Long Term Keep Lock (LTKL) for violent conduct and fighting.

[REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

22. [REDACTED]

23. [REDACTED]

24. [REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]

26. [REDACTED]

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

29. [REDACTED]

30. [REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]

33. [REDACTED]

34. [REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]

36. [REDACTED]

37. On 6/30/21 at 5:15 p.m., a medical emergency was called after officers observed Shafer kneeling on the floor in his cell and holding his head. Correction Officer (CO) J.S. and CO K.R. entered the cell and placed Shafer on the company floor. Shafer was unresponsive and not breathing. CPR was started at 5:17 p.m. and at 5:18 p.m. an AED was placed with no shock advised. EMS was contacted at 5:17 p.m. At 5:18 p.m., Registered Nurse (RN) D.L. and Sergeant (Sgt.) E.S. arrived at the scene.

[REDACTED]

38. [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, 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 Marie Josee King, Clinton CF