



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Saphal Thach,
an incarcerated individual of the
Bronx Central Booking**

June 25, 2024

**To: Commissioner Edward A. Caban
NYC Police Department
1 Police Plaza
New York, New York 10038**

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 Saphal Thach, who died on October 21, 2020, as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the New York Police Department, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Saphal Thach was a 64-year-old male who died on 10/21/20 due to Hypertensive and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease while awaiting arraignment at the Bronx Central Booking while in the custody of the New York City Police Department (NYPD).
2. Thach had no criminal history prior to the instant offense.
3. [REDACTED]
4. On 10/20/20 at 10:38 p.m., Thach was arrested for allegedly striking his brother in the head with a wooden cane and was to be charged with Assault 2nd Degree. At 10:47 p.m., Thach arrived at NYPD 52nd Precinct without incident. Police Officer (PO) G.S. completed the arrest processing of Thach. At that time, it was documented that Thach was in good health and reported that he did not need any medical assistance.
5. On 10/21/20 at 12:50 a.m., Thach was brought from the 52nd precinct holding cell by PO G.S. to the NYPD transport van.
6. On 10/21/20 at 1:17 a.m., Thach arrived at Bronx Central Booking. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] At 2:12 a.m., with the evaluation complete, Thach was moved to the New York City Department of Corrections (NYC DOC) section of Bronx Central Booking where he was to be held until his arraignment.
7. On 10/21/20 at 2:17 a.m., Thach complained to a correction officer (CO) that he felt tired from walking. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] At 2:29 a.m., Thach was transported to Lincoln Medical Center via NYPD van.
8. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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: Deputy Inspector Paul Muggeo,
Force Investigation Division