



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Ray DiGiacomo,
an incarcerated individual of the
Nassau County Jail**

September 25, 2024

**To: Sheriff Anthony LaRocco
Nassau County Sheriff's Office
100 Carman Avenue
East Meadow, New York 11554**

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 Ray DiGiacomo, who died on March 1, 2023, as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Nassau County Sheriff at the Nassau County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Ray Digiacomo was a 45-year-old male who died on 3/1/23 from Acute Intoxication due to the combined effects of Fluorofentanyl, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Codeine while in the custody of the Nassau County Sheriff at the Nassau County Jail. A review of Digiacomo's incarceration by the Medical Review Board revealed that there were medical provider orders for laboratory testing and blood pressure monitoring that were not transcribed by the medical staff and not completed however, this did not have any impact on the terminal event or Digiacomo's cause of death.

2. [REDACTED] n 12/15/22, Digiacomo was arrested and charged with Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree, two counts of Criminal Contempt 1st Degree, Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree, Criminal Contempt 2nd Degree, and Stalking 4th Degree. On 2/3/23, the case was transferred to Superior Court. On 2/22/23, Digiacomo was arraigned on charges of Criminal Contempt 1st Degree and 2nd Degree, Aggravated Harassment 2nd Degree, and Stalking 4th Degree. These charges were abated by his death.

3. [REDACTED]

4. On 12/16/22, Digiacomo was received at the Nassau County Jail. During the booking process, Digiacomo became very angry and was yelling at the officers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]
14. [REDACTED]
15. [REDACTED]
16. [REDACTED]
17. [REDACTED]
18. [REDACTED]
19. [REDACTED]
20. [REDACTED]
21. [REDACTED]
22. [REDACTED]

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23. [REDACTED]
24. [REDACTED]
25. [REDACTED]
26. [REDACTED]
27. [REDACTED]
28. [REDACTED]
29. [REDACTED]
30. [REDACTED]
31. [REDACTED]
32. On 3/1/23 at approximately 12:18 a.m., while completing a supervisory tour, Corrections Officer (CO) K.N. noted that Digiacomo was unresponsive in his cell. Digiacomo was lying with his upper body on the mattress with his stomach down and his feet were on the floor. CO K.N. and CO C.B. entered the cell but there was no response from Digiacomo. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was initiated, and a medical emergency was called. Narcan was administered without the desired effect. At 12:21 a.m., Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was called, and CO L. applied the Automated

External Defibrillator (AED). There was no shock advised. A second dose of Narcan was administered without the desired effect. Medical staff arrived [REDACTED]. At 12:26 a.m., EMS arrived [REDACTED].

35. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE NASSAU COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN

The Board requests that the Jail Physician conduct a comprehensive quality assurance review be conducted to determine:

1. Why the provider's orders were not transcribed and completed.
2. Why the ordered CIWA assessments were not completed as ordered.

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

In a response dated 9/11/24 to the Commission's preliminary report, the jail physician indicated that the requested reviews were completed with corrective action taken with medical staff.

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 September 2024.



Yolanda Canty
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

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