



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Keith Goodman (91B0194)  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Attica Correctional Facility**

**September 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 Keith Goodman, who died on July 6, 2021, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Attica Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

**FINDINGS:**

1. Goodman was a 61-year-old male who died on 7/6/21 due to an Acute Diphenhydramine intoxication while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Attica Correctional Facility (CF). As Goodman had a known mental health history and had apparently consumed deliberately hoarded medication prescribed to him, the Medical Review Board has found that Goodman's manner of death could be ruled as a suicide.
2. Goodman was born in Linton, Indiana. Goodman had an Academic Degree and was unemployed. Goodman served in the Army as a combat engineer. There was no further demographic or social history available to the Commission regarding Goodman.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. Goodman's first adult contact with the criminal justice system in New York was in 1989 at the age of 30. Goodman had one violent felony charge of Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.  
[REDACTED]
6. Goodman was admitted to NYS DOCCS at the Elmira Reception CF on 2/1/91 to serve a 20 to Life sentence for Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Goodman was transferred from Elmira CF to Clinton CF on 3/5/91. NYS DOCCS' documentation indicated that Goodman spent time in Elmira CF, Auburn CF, Green Haven CF, Wende CF, Upstate CF, Southport CF, Sullivan CF, and Great Meadow CF until being transferred to Attica CF on 8/27/20. This is where Goodman remained until the terminal event.
7. Between June 1991 through March 2020, Goodman accrued 13 Tier II and 13 Tier III infractions that included fighting, creating a disturbance, weapon, violent conduct, assault on staff, assault on inmate, contraband, smuggling, drug use, and harassment. Goodman's last infraction was a Tier II in March 2020 for harassment and creating a disturbance. Goodman's sentences included counseling, loss of packages, loss of phone privileges, loss of commissary, loss of personal TV, loss of clothing, loss of property, loss of visitation, loss of recreation, keeplock time, and Special Housing Unit (SHU) time.
8. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

10.

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On 8/27/20, Goodman was transferred from Great Meadow CF to Attica CF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The Unit Chief (UC) conducted a clinical supervision review on 3/8/22 with the appropriate staff members regarding the importance of scheduling patients for callouts with prescribers within the timeframes established per policy.

19.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

20.

[REDACTED]

The Treatment Plan Review was not signed by Goodman. OMH identified the issue, and the Unit Chief conducted a clinical supervision with the staff on the importance of completing updates to the Treatment Plan per the policy.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

29.

[REDACTED] The Attica

UC, in conjunction with a designated administrator, discussed the missing data entry with the appropriate staff member and provided guidance on the importance of accurate recording of information.

30.

[REDACTED]

31.

Documentation from the NYS DOCCS Preliminary Unusual Incident Report indicated that on 7/6/21 at 9:00 p.m., 8 Company Correction Officer (CO) R.L. was notified by incarcerated individuals (II) that there was a medical emergency in cell # 8-38 where Goodman was housed. CO R.L. alerted the hall captain and a medical emergency response was initiated. COs L.R., W.T., D.M., and A.T. responded immediately where they observed Goodman as responsive but incoherent with vomit on his chest. The responding staff entered Goodman's cell and assisted him to the A Block lobby where he was placed on a gurney and escorted to the facility infirmary.

32.

[REDACTED]

33.

At 9:50 p.m. per the ambulance report, EMS arrived at the scene and assumed the care of Goodman.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

34.

[REDACTED]

. The finding of a toxic level of Diphenhydramine is indicative to the Medical Review Board that Goodman had hoarded numerous doses of his prescribed medication and consumed them at once. As the hoarding of medications and taking them all together was an intentional act by Goodman, and in view of Goodman's known mental health history, the Medical Review Board opines that this manner of death could be classified as a suicide.

TO THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, DIVISION OF FORENSIC SERVICES:

The Division shall conduct a quality assurance review regarding the review of the medication pass procedures at the facility to assure that the incarcerated individuals are taking their medications and not hoarding them.

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

*In a response dated 8/8/24 to the Commission's preliminary report, the Division of Forensic Services indicated that the requested review was completed.*

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 September 2024.



Yolanda Canty  
Commissioner  
Commission of Correction

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