



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Nikita Pertsev,
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 Nikita Pertsev, who died on November 23, 2022 , 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. Nikita Pertsev was a 29-year-old male who died on 11/23/22 from an Acute Fentanyl Intoxication while in the custody of the Nassau County Sheriff at the Nassau County Jail.

2. [REDACTED] In December 2020, Pertsev was arrested for Assault 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree, Petit Larceny, and Resisting Arrest. On March 17, 2022, Pertsev was convicted of Assault 3rd Degree and sentenced to 364 days in the county jail.

3. [REDACTED]

4. On 2/15/22, Pertsev was admitted to the Nassau County Jail. Per the booking information, Pertsev claimed that he had multiple injuries. Per the bail bondsmen, Pertsev fell on a stoop with an agent during his arrest and was also banging his head numerous times. Per the suicide prevention screening, Pertsev scored a '10' and constant supervision was instituted. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]. The Medical Review Board found that Pertsev was not referred to a substance abuse treatment program despite having the diagnosis of Substance Abuse Disorder and recently being sent to the hospital for a possible overdose.

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

15. [REDACTED]

16. [REDACTED]

17. [REDACTED]

18. [REDACTED]

19. [REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

22. [REDACTED]

23. [REDACTED]

24. [REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]

26. [REDACTED]

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. [REDACTED]

30. [REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]

33. [REDACTED]

34. [REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]

36. [REDACTED]

37. [REDACTED]

38. [REDACTED]

39. [REDACTED]

40. [REDACTED]

41. [REDACTED]

42. [REDACTED]

43. [REDACTED]

44. [REDACTED]

45. [REDACTED]

46. [REDACTED]

47. [REDACTED]

48. [REDACTED]

49. [REDACTED]

50. [REDACTED]

51. [REDACTED]

52. [REDACTED]

53. [REDACTED]

54. [REDACTED]

55. [REDACTED]

56. [REDACTED]

57. [REDACTED]

58. [REDACTED]

59. [REDACTED]

60. [REDACTED]

61. [REDACTED]

62. [REDACTED]

63. [REDACTED]

64. [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
65. [REDACTED]
66. [REDACTED]
67. [REDACTED]
68. On 11/23/22, Corrections Officer (CO) M.R., CO G.F., and CO A.L. were assigned to E01-AB housing area. At 12:30 p.m., CO M.R. completed a supervisory tour and noted that Pertsev was lying on the floor watching television. At 12:49 p.m., CO M.R. was on the housing unit when he heard incarcerated individuals yelling for assistance for cell 9. CO M.R. responded to the cell and noted that Pertsev was laying on the floor and was unresponsive. CO M.R. activated a medical response. CO G.F. responded to the cell. The cell door was opened and Pertsev was removed from the cell. Pertsev was unresponsive and no pulse was noted. CO M.R. initiated Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Dr. [REDACTED] and RN [REDACTED] arrived on the housing area. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Emergency Medical Services was activated.
- [REDACTED]
- At 1:04 p.m., EMS arrived.
- [REDACTED]
69. Another incarcerated individual reported that Pertsev had purchased cocaine from a different incarcerated individual that had just arrived from Upstate. Pertsev was told it was Fentanyl. Pertsev and the other incarcerated individual both agreed to try it anyway. Pertsev tried it first and the other incarcerated individual watched him do a “line”. Shortly after that, Pertsev slumped to the floor. Pertsev reportedly stated that he didn’t care if he died.
70. Per the Nassau County Investigation report, on the morning of 11/23/22, a search of the housing area was performed in response to an incident the evening prior when a dangerous weapon was recovered. The search revealed a bag containing multiple pills believed to be of the opioid type. Also, on the morning of 11/23/22, drugs were recovered during a visit in the 832 Visiting area when a visitor was found passing a balloon to another incarcerated individual and surrendered a second balloon in their

possession.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE NASSAU COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN:

The Jail Physician shall conduct a quality assurance review regarding why Pertsev was not referred to a substance abuse treatment program despite being given a diagnosis of Substance Abuse Disorder and having a recent hospital admission for a possible overdose.

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

In a response dated 8/26/24 to the Commission's preliminary report, the jail physician indicated the requested review was completed with outlined plans to expand their medication assisted therapy program.

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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