



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Tyler Rodkey (21B2073),  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Elmira 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 Tyler Rodkey, who died on July 18, 2022, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Elmira Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Tyler Rodkey was a 35-year-old male who died on 7/18/22 due to a mixed drug toxicity overdose while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Elmira Correctional Facility (CF).
2. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] In his instant offense, in June 2020, Rodkey was involved in a domestic dispute and stabbed his girlfriend numerous times with a steak knife. Rodkey then attempted to stab himself to death. He was charged with Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Attempted Murder and Criminal Possession of Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Rodkey pled guilty to Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and was sentenced in December 2021 to 15 years of incarceration. This was his first NYS DOCCS incarceration.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. On 12/14/21, Rodkey was transferred from Tompkins County Jail to Elmira CF. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

15. [REDACTED]

16. On 12/28/21, Rodkey was moved from the Elmira Reception Center to the facility's General Population, B-Block.

17. [REDACTED]

18. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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On 7/18/22 at 8:07 p.m., Incarcerated Individual R.V. notified staff of a possible medical emergency. Correction Officer (CO) E.A responded and observed Rodkey laying on the floor of his cell near the door unresponsive. A medical emergency was called via radio. COs S.N. and M.S. responded, opened the cell door and began CPR. At 8:09 p.m., Erway Ambulance was contacted, and Sgt. R.D. administered the first dose of nasal Narcan. At this time, the AED was applied with no shock advised. At 8:12 p.m., the second dose of nasal Narcan was administered. At 8:15 p.m., the third dose of Narcan

was administered and at 8:18 p.m., a fourth dose was administered. Erway Ambulance arrived at the scene at 8:19 p.m. and assumed care of Rodkey. [REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

That 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, 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

YC:AH :vc  
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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer  
James Donahue, Associate Commissioner of Mental Health  
Superintendent Kevin McCarthy, Elmira CF