



**Commission of
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Special Investigation into the Care and Treatment
Provided to**

**Michael Clark,
an incarcerated individual of the
Chautauqua County Jail**

March 26, 2025

**To: Sheriff James B. Quattrone
Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office
15 E. Chautauqua Street
P.O. Box 127
Mayville, New York 14757**

Allen Riley
Chairman

Yolanda Canty
Commissioner

Elizabeth Gaynes
Commissioner

7. On 1/22/24 at 12:25 p.m., Clark was admitted to the Chautauqua County Jail (CJ) by Officer J.B. Clark scored a "1" on the Suicide Screening for having a history of drug or alcohol abuse. Clark reported that he last used methamphetamine on 1/20/24, and he denied having any current withdrawal symptoms. Clark denied having any previous suicide attempts and he denied having any thoughts of killing himself.

8. On 1/22/24 at 5:04 p.m., Clark was classified as medium security by Officer G.

9. On 1/22/24 at 8:18 p.m., Officer G. escorted Clark from booking to Pod A - A1 for admission housing.

10. [REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. Clark did not receive any disciplinary actions during this incarceration.

15. A review of the Pod A logbook by Commission staff found that between 2/10/24 at 9:55 p.m. through 2/13/24 at 12:19 a.m., there were no specific logbook entries made regarding Clark.

16. On 2/12/24 at 10:49 p.m., Officer J.W. documented in the Pod A logbook assuming the duty of the Pod with a total count of 36 incarcerated individuals.
17. On 2/12/24 at 11:20 p.m., Officer J.W. documented in the Pod A logbook that a supervisory visit was completed.
18. On 2/12/24 at 11:49 p.m., Officer J.W. documented in the Pod A logbook that a supervisory visit was completed.
19. On 2/13/24 at 12:19 a.m., Officer J.W. documented in the Pod A logbook that a supervisory visit was completed.
20. On 2/13/24 at 12:42 a.m., Sergeant (Sgt.) S.R. documented in the Pod A logbook that a supervisory visit was completed.
21. On 2/13/24 at 1:09 a.m., Officer J.W. documented in the Pod A logbook that the TV power was shut off to all cells except A-19, and that a supervisory visit was completed.
22. Per documentation from the Chautauqua CJ Reportable Incident # 254518, on 2/13/24 at 1:38 a.m., Officer J.W. began a supervisory visit on Pod A beginning at cell A1 on the lower tier. After the round of the lower tier was completed, Officer J.W. began to walk up the stairs to do a supervisory visit on the upper tier when Incarcerated Individual D.A., who was housed in the A2 cell with Clark, stopped her, and informed her that his cell-mate Clark was vomiting and not waking up. Officer J.W. went to the door of cell A2 and observed Clark lying flat on his back on the lower bunk with no visible movement to indicate that Clark was ill or vomiting. Officer J.W. did observe that Clark's nose and mouth appeared to have a darker color to them from a possible fluid. At 1:39 a.m., Officer J.W. radioed Sgt. S.R. and asked him to come to Pod A. At 1:40 a.m., Officer J.W. spoke to Sgt. S.R. on the phone and updated him to her observation of Clark. After a brief conversation with Sgt. S.R., Officer J.W. immediately returned to Clark's cell door to monitor him. When Officer J.W. returned to Clark's cell door, she observed that Clark still had no movement. Officer J.W. directed Incarcerated Individual D.A. to turn Clark on his side and to check if Clark was breathing. As Incarcerated Individual D.A. turned Clark on his right side to the recovery position, Officer J.W. heard a gurgling sound and observed vomit coming out of Clark's mouth onto the mattress. Officer J.W. reassured Incarcerated Individual D.A. that he was doing a good job and encouraged Incarcerated Individual D.A. to continue to hold Clark on his right side.
23. Sgt S.R. documented on a Supplemental Report that on 2/13/24 at approximately 1:39 a.m., he received a radio transmission from Officer J.W. requesting his presence in Pod A. Sgt. S.R. informed Officer J.W. that he was covering a break in the Main Control Room (MCR) and that it would take a minute. Sgt. S.R. called Officer J.W. on the phone and asked what was going on. Officer J.W. reported having an individual in 2 cell that was throwing up and she could not get him to wake up. At that time, Officer R. returned to the MCR and Sgt. S.R. and Officer B.B. responded to Pod A at 1:42 a.m. and entered cell #2A. Sgt. S.R. directed Incarcerated Individual D.A. to exit the cell and to go sit down in the day area. Sgt. S.R. observed Clark laying on his bunk with vomit on the bunk and on the floor. Sgt. S.R. shook Clark and applied a sternal rub with no response from Clark. Sgt. S.R. immediately radioed the MCR to notify Emergency Medical Service (EMS). Sgt. S.R. radioed for Officer C.W. to respond to Pod A. Sgt. S.R. and Officer B.B. placed Clark on the floor of the cell. Officer B.B. went to retrieve Narcan from the

Pod's officer desk and Sgt. S.R. attempted to check Clark's airway. Officer B.B. returned to the cell with the Narcan and Sgt. S.R. administered the first dose without a response. Sgt. S.R. and Officer B.B. could not feel a pulse on Clark and Officer B.B. initiated Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) while Officer C.W. retrieved the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Sgt. S.R. applied the AED to Clark's chest with no shock advised. CPR continued with a total of three administrations of Narcan without effect. After a review of video recording of the response and the CPR that was initiated on Clark, it was observed that staff did not assist Clark with respirations during the emergency response. During an interview with Commission staff, Sgt. S.R. reported that due to the amount of vomit in Clark's mouth, he did not feel safe with assisting Clark with respirations.

- 24. Per the documentation from the Chautauqua County EMS Mayville Fire Department, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) [REDACTED] and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) [REDACTED], arrived at the scene at 2:00 a.m. and assumed the care of Clark.

[REDACTED]

- 25.

[REDACTED]

- 26.

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
27. A search of Clark's cell was performed by Chautauqua County Sheriff Investigators. The investigators seized five items from Clark's cell that were bagged and sent to the NYS Police Lab for analysis. There was no information available to the Commission on the results of the items that were recovered from Clark's belongings. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

This case be closed as an overdose.

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 26th day of March 2025.



Yolanda Canty
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

YC:BB:vc
2024-S-0002
March 26, 2025