



**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**

**Adam Simzer,
an incarcerated individual of the
Allegany County Jail**

March 26, 2025

**To: Sheriff Scott A. Cicirello
Allegany County Sheriff's Office
4884 State Route 19S
Mayville, New York 14813**

Allen Riley
Chairman

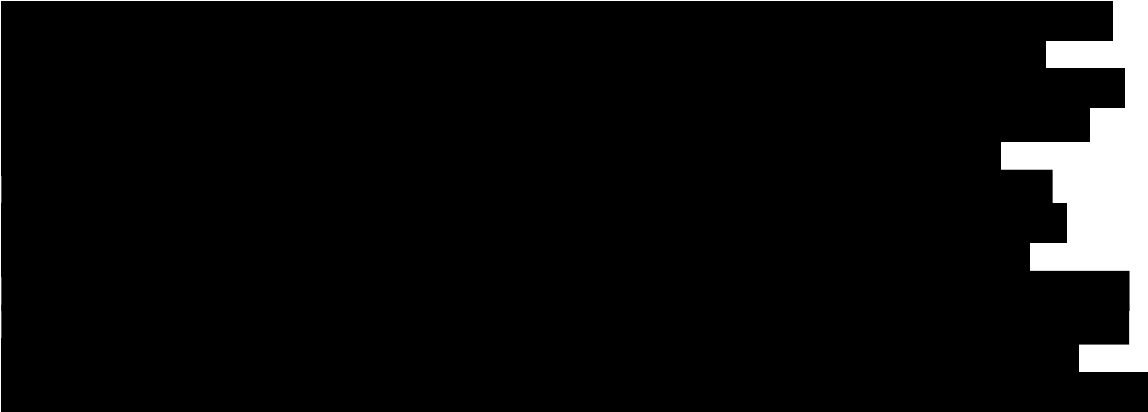



Yolanda Canty
Commissioner

Elizabeth Gaynes
Commissioner

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Medical Review Board has reported to the NYS Commission of Correction pursuant to Correction Law, section 47(1)(e), regarding the care and treatment provided to Adam Simzer, which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Allegany County Sheriff at the Allegany County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Adam Simzer was a 41-year-old male who died on 2/13/24, due to a suicidal hanging incident that occurred on 2/8/24 while in the custody of the Allegany County Sheriff at the Allegany County Jail.
2. . In January 2024, Simzer was arrested for Criminal Contempt 1st Degree that had occurred in November 2023. During his arrest process, Simzer escaped the custody of the Village of Cuba Police. After his escape on 1/5/24, Simzer allegedly stole a motor vehicle. A warrant was issued for his arrest and on 2/6/24, he was taken into custody and charged with Escape 2nd Degree, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle 1st Degree and Grand Larceny 3rd Degree. Simzer was committed to the Allegany County Jail on these charges, which were all abated by his death.
3. 
4. On 2/6/24 at 4:20 p.m., Simzer was received at the Allegany County Jail on an Escape 2nd Degree arrest. Corrections Officer (CO) C.W. documented that Simzer reported having been arrested 100 times starting at the age of 14. CO C.W. documented on the initial risk assessment that Simzer had . CO C.W. documented on form ADM 330 Suicide Prevention Screening Guidelines that Simzer had . CO C.W. noted that Simzer scored a total of two points on the ADM 330. Due to this score, constant supervision was not instituted. Immediate medical and mental health referrals were also not indicated.

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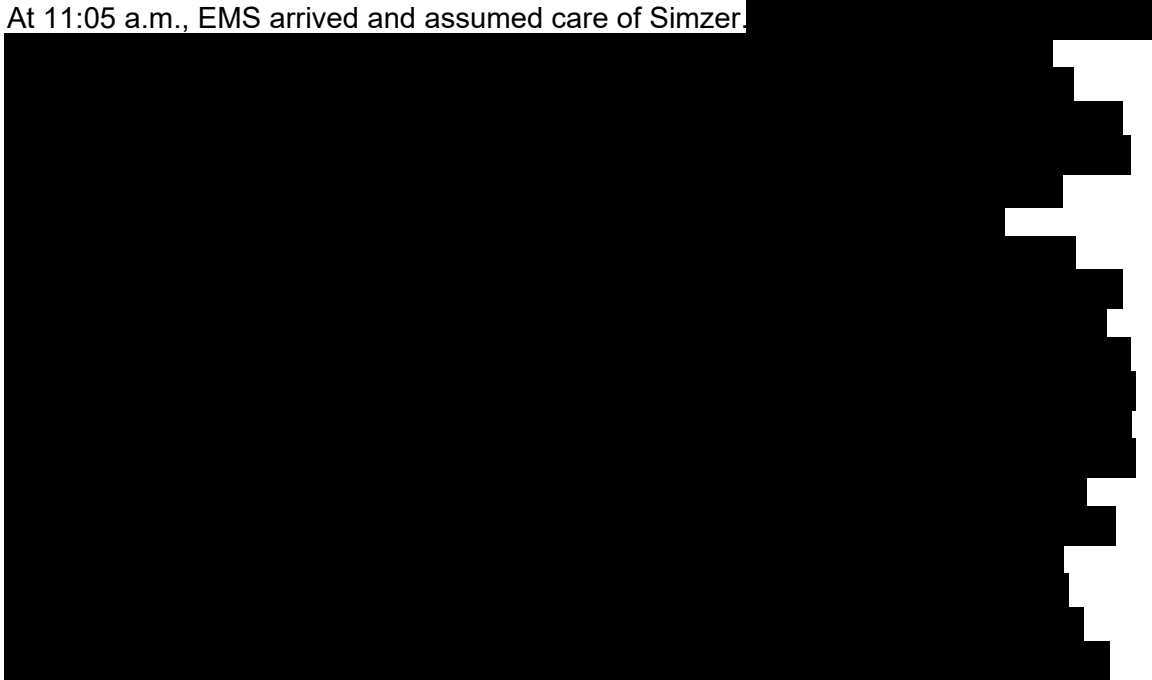
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7. Simzer remained housed in A pod cell 17 for his course of incarceration. Interviews with officers by Commission staff revealed that Simzer was quiet and polite and did not make any requests. On 2/8/24 at 10:03 a.m., CO A.C. documented completing a supervisory round with all appearing in order. During an interview with Commission staff, CO A.C. stated that Simzer was quiet and not very interactive. CO A.C. stated Simzer seemed to keep to himself after coming to A pod.

8. On 2/8/24 at 11:00 a.m., CO A.C. was conducting a supervisory tour and found Simzer sitting on his cell floor under the wall shelf. Simzer had his back against the wall, with what appeared to be a sheet around his neck and tied to the wall shelf. CO A.C. called for medical assistance to Alpha pod. CO A.C. unlocked cell A-17 cell and immediately entered. CO A.C. found that Simzer was unresponsive. CO A.C. attempted to lift Simzer to relieve the pressure from the sheet without success. CO A.C. then attempted to untie the sheet from around Simzer's neck without success as it was too tight. CO A.C. then retrieved his personal knife from his pocket and cut the sheet. CO A.C. assisted Simzer to the floor in a laying position and removed the tied sheet from around Simzer's neck. CO A.C. initiated Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Sergeant (Sgt) J.W., CO T.V., and CO J.S. responded within a minute of the emergency call. Sgt. J.W. ordered CO T.V. to activate Emergency Medical Services (EMS). At 11:01 a.m., Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) [REDACTED] and RN [REDACTED] arrived and entered the cell. [REDACTED]

9. At 11:05 a.m., EMS arrived and assumed care of Simzer.



ACTIONS REQUIRED:

That this case to be closed as a suicide.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Y. Canty', is written above a horizontal line.

Yolanda Canty
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

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