



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Hassan Edwards (99A1238),
an incarcerated individual of the
Sing Sing Correctional Facility**

June 25, 2025

**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 Hassan Edwards, who died on September 6, 2022, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Hassan Edwards was a 44 year old male who died on 9/6/22 from Acute Fentanyl Intoxication while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility (CF).
2. [REDACTED]. In 1998, in the instant offense, Edwards acting alone, walked up to a female on a city street, demanded money and shot her in the head. The victim died as a result of the assault. In 1999, Edwards was convicted of Murder 1st Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree and was sentenced to life in prison.
3. [REDACTED]
4. Edwards was received at Downstate CF on 3/3/99. Edwards transferred to Green Haven CF in 1999. Edwards transferred to Southport CF in July 2004 and then to Attica CF in November 2004. Edwards transferred to Shawangunk in 2006. Edwards transferred to Southport CF in March 2008 and then to Attica CF in June 2008. In May 2011, Edwards was transferred to Sullivan CF. In June 2017, Edwards was transferred to Attica CF.
5. On 9/16/19, Edwards transferred to Sing Sing CF.
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. Edwards was housed in general population. Edwards had no infractions since October 2020. Edwards had been the N Block Porter since 3/21/22.
10. On 9/6/22 at 3:02 a.m., Corrections Officer (CO) V.M. was conducting a supervisory tour when he noted that Edwards was unresponsive on his bunk. A medical emergency was called. Sergeant (Sgt.) F., CO G.J. and CO G.F. responded. CO V.M. administered

Narcan without the desired effect. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was applied without any shock advised. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was initiated and Narcan was repeated at 3:10 a.m. and 3:15 a.m. without the desired effect. Ossining Ambulance arrived at 3:24 a.m. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


12. The DOCCS's Office of Special Investigation completed a review of Edwards's death and noted the following findings that did not contribute to Edwards's death but were in violation of DOCCS' Directives:
- Staff failed to perform CPR on a firm surface and instead completed CPR on Edwards's bunk.
 - Medical staff failed to document the use of a bag valve mask, oxygen, or an oral airway.
 - There was no provider order for the blood glucose testing that was performed by medical staff.
 - The emergency response form did not contain the time that CPR was initiated, when the AED was applied, when the Bag Value Mask was applied, the name of the provider that was notified, and the medical notation every five minutes.

As a result of these findings, medical and security staff were trained in February 2022 on Directive 4059 Response to Health Care Emergencies and Completing the Emergency Response Form.

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 25th day of June 2025.



Yolanda Canty
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer
James Donahue, Associate Commissioner of Mental Health
Superintendent Marlyn Kopp, Sing Sing CF