



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Tinamarie Cordovano,
an incarcerated individual of the
Erie County Holding Center**

September 24, 2025

**To: Sheriff John C. Garcia
Erie County Sheriff's Office
10 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202**

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 Tinamarie Cordovano, who died on April 25, 2024, as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Erie County Sheriff at the Erie County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Tinamarie Cordovano was a 51-year-old female who died at Buffalo General Hospital on 4/25/24 from a ruptured brain aneurysm while in the custody of the Erie County Sheriff at the Erie County Holding Center (ECHC).
2. Cordovano was born in Buffalo, NY. Cordovano was divorced and had one child. Cordovano received a high school diploma and was unemployed.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. On 4/23/24, the Tonawanda Police Department arrested Cordovano and charged her with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree subsequent to a traffic stop for a turning violation and speeding. Per the documentation from the Tonawanda Town Court, Cordovano was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th Degree, and False Personation. Cordovano was in violation of her probation, had a current warrant for her arrest from the Amherst Town Court for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree, and had a current warrant from the Buffalo City Court for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree. Cordovano was remanded to the custody of the Erie County Sheriff at the Erie County Holding Center without bail. Cordovano was scheduled to appear in the Tonawanda Town Court on 4/29/24.
7. On 4/23/24, after Cordovano's arrest, the Tonawanda Police transported Cordovano to Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8. On 4/23/24 at 9:24 p.m., Cordovano was admitted to the ECHC by Deputy S. Cordovano was assigned to medical reception cell # 1.

9. [REDACTED]

10. On 4/24/24 at 2:34 a.m., Cordovano was escorted from the reception area to the Alpha Seg Housing Unit cell # 30. Deputy K.R. documented in the Alpha Seg logbook that Cordovano was detoxing and that she was on constant observation with no restrictions.

11. On 4/24/24 at 2:38 a.m., Deputy S. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano was on Alpha Seg in cell # 30 on constant observation due to a hospital discharge and detoxing.

12. On 4/24/24 at 5:15 a.m., Deputy S. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano refused her breakfast meal.

13. On 4/24/24 at 8:45 a.m., Deputy A. documented in the Alpha Seg logbook that Cordovano refused to go to Amherst Town Court.

14. On 4/24/24 at 8:50 a.m., Deputy A. documented in the Alpha Seg logbook that Cordovano refused medical.

15. [REDACTED]

16.

[REDACTED]

17. On 4/24/24 at 11:02 a.m., Deputy S. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano was sitting on her bunk eating lunch.

18.

[REDACTED]

19. On 4/24/24 at 4:05 p.m., Deputy G. documented in the constant observation logbook that meals were on the unit with no refusals.

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[REDACTED]

21. On 4/24/24 at 11:55 p.m., Deputy R. documented in the unit logbook that Cordovano refused her COWS assessment, and that the nurse was on the unit for Cordovano's signature.

22.

[REDACTED]

23. On 4/25/24 at 4:50 a.m., Deputy O. documented in the constant observation logbook that meals were on the unit and offered to Cordovano. At 5:00 a.m., Deputy O. documented that Cordovano sat up, ate some food, and laid back down.

24. On 4/25/24 at 7:45 a.m., Deputy D. documented in the unit logbook that Cordovano refused to go to Buffalo City Court and that she refused medical. Deputy D. documented that the Sergeant was to be notified.

25. On 4/25/24 at 8:38 a.m., Deputy D. documented in the unit logbook that Nurse [REDACTED] was on the unit for Cordovano to sign a refusal for medical.

26. On 4/25/24 at 8:55 a.m., Deputy D. documented in the unit logbook that Cordovano was escorted to medical.

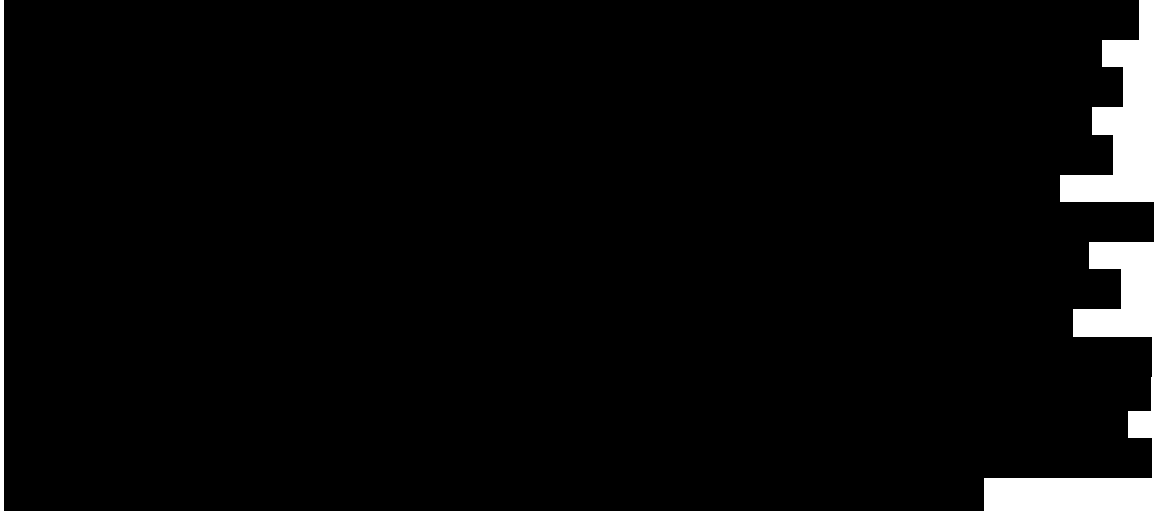
27. [REDACTED]

28. On 4/25/24 at 9:25 a.m., Deputy D. documented in the unit logbook that Cordovano returned from medical.

29. [REDACTED]

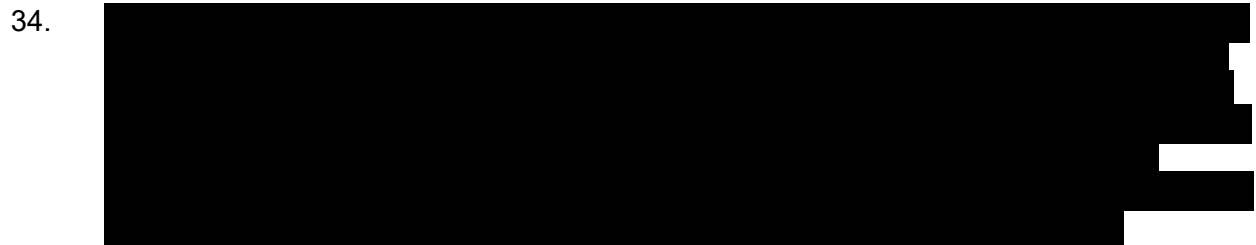
30. On 4/25/24 at 10:25 a.m., Deputy D. documented in the unit logbook that Cordovano was escorted to medical.

31. [REDACTED]



32. On 4/25/24 at 10:35 a.m., Deputy D. documented in the unit logbook that Cordovano returned from medical.

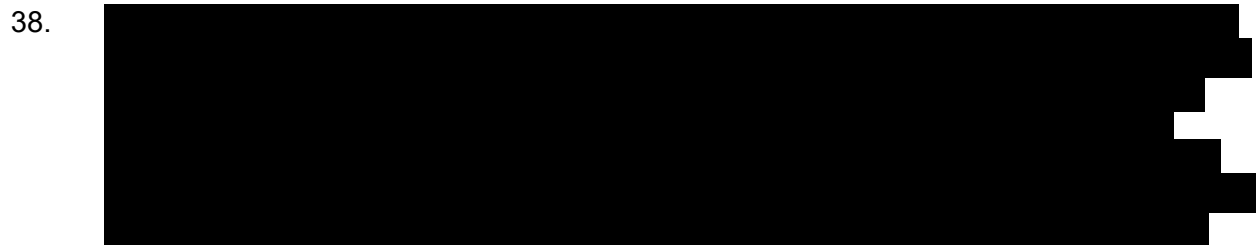
33. On 4/25/24 at 10:53 a.m., Deputy D. documented in the constant observation logbook that meals were served. At 11:00 a.m., Cordovano was observed eating the meal.



35. On 4/25/24 at 3:35 p.m., Deputy L.O. documented in the unit logbook that Cordovano refused medical, and that the sergeant was notified.

36. On 4/25/24 at 4:01 p.m., Deputy D. documented in the constant observation logbook that meals were on the unit and that Cordovano remained sleeping.

37. On 4/25/24 at 5:03 p.m., Deputy L.O. documented in the unit logbook that Nurse [redacted] was on the unit to get a signature from Cordovano for refusing medical.



39. On 4/25/24 at 5:15 p.m., Deputy D. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano appeared to be asleep on the seizure boat.

40. On 4/25/24 at 5:30 p.m., Deputy L.O. documented in the unit logbook that a count of the unit was completed with a total of six incarcerated individuals. Deputy L.O. documented starting a lunch relief for Deputy A.
41. On 4/25/24 at 5:30 p.m., Deputy D. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano appeared to be asleep on the seizure boat.
42. On 4/25/24 at 5:45 p.m., documentation in the unit logbook acknowledged that a general supervisory tour of the unit was completed.
43. On 4/25/24 at 5:45 p.m., Deputy D. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano appeared to be asleep on the seizure boat.
44. On 4/25/24 at 6:00 p.m., documentation in the unit logbook acknowledged that a general supervisory tour of the unit was completed.
45. On 4/25/24 at 6:00 p.m., Deputy D. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano appeared to be asleep on the seizure boat.
46. On 4/25/24 at 6:15 p.m., Deputy T.I. documented in the unit logbook that a general supervisory tour of the unit was completed.
47. On 4/25/24 at 6:15 p.m., Deputy D. documented in the constant observation logbook that Cordovano appeared to be asleep on the seizure boat.
48. On 4/25/24 at 6:31 p.m., Sgt. M.S. documented in the unit logbook being called to Alpha Seg cell # 30 that housed Cordovano.
49. Per the documentation from the ECHC Incident Report on 4/25/24 at 6:31 p.m., Deputy B.D. attempted several times to offer Cordovano time out of her housing unit to take a shower. After Cordovano did not answer, Deputy B.D. had Deputy L.O. run the control panel and Deputy B.D. entered the common area and reached through the bars of the housing unit # 30 that housed Cordovano. Deputy B.D. shook Cordovano to get her to respond. After receiving no response from Cordovano, Deputy B.D. radioed Central Command that she was going to enter housing unit # 30. Simultaneously, Sergeant M.S. arrived on the housing unit and entered Cordovano's cell and attempted to verbally engage with her. Cordovano was unable to verbally engage, and she appeared to be unresponsive. Sgt. M.S. turned Cordovano onto her back and he observed that Cordovano's face was ashen, and she appeared to not be breathing. Deputy G.K. administered one dose of Narcan 4mg into Cordovano's left nostril with no effect. Sgt. M.S. ordered for Cordovano to be moved from the housing unit to the common area so that Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) could be initiated.
50. On 4/25/24 at 6:34 p.m., RN [REDACTED] arrived on the Alpha Seg housing unit [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] American Medical Response (AMR) was notified to respond to the facility. [REDACTED] AMR arrived at the scene and

assumed the care of Cordovano [REDACTED]

51. [REDACTED]

52. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

This case be closed as a natural death.

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 24th day of September 2025.



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Commissioner
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