



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Adalberto Sanchez (14A4301),  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Sing Sing Correctional Facility**

**September 24, 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 Adalberto Sanchez, who died on December 28, 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. Adalberto Sanchez was a 59-year-old male who died on 12/28/22 from acute peritonitis and sepsis that occurred while hospitalized after a hernia repair surgery while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at Sing Sing Correctional Facility (CF). Sanchez had been hospitalized for surgery at Mt. Vernon Hospital at the time of his death. The Medical Review Board's review found that there were quality care issues that were not related to Sanchez's death. The Medical Review Board's review did find that there was a surgical procedure error that occurred during Sanchez's hospitalization that was contributory to his death.

2. On 11/15/13, at his home in Queens, Sanchez repeatedly stabbed his wife multiple times in the torso causing her death. During the stabbing, the victim's children fled the home and the crime was reported. When police responded, Sanchez was barricaded inside the bedroom with his wife's body. Sanchez stabbed himself several times in the stomach until the police were able to apprehend him. On 9/18/14, Sanchez was sentenced to 18 years in state prison for Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

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4. On 10/2/14, Sanchez was received at Downstate CF and transferred to Sing Sing CF on 10/31/14. Sanchez received no disciplinary infractions during his incarceration.

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21. [REDACTED]

22. The Medical Review Board has found after a review of the hospital records and the autopsy report that Sanchez died of multi-system organ failure due to peritonitis and sepsis due to a loop of small intestine being caught up and either perforated or devascularized in the laparoscopic hernia repair. This was a serious technical error constituting a never event during Sanchez's surgery.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES:

The Deputy Commissioner shall convene a comprehensive quality assurance review on the health care provided to Sanchez at Sing Sing CF with a focus on:

- Why Sanchez's abnormal urinalysis was not addressed.
- Why Sanchez's uncontrolled hypertension and diabetes were not adequately addressed.

- Why Sanchez's physical examination did not note the abnormal findings identified that day and did not address the complaints.
- Why Sanchez was not seen for follow-up appointments for chronic care.
- Why Sanchez's abnormal thyroid testing was not addressed.
- Why Sanchez was not ordered his routine medications upon admission to the infirmary.

A report of the findings and any corrective actions shall be forwarded to the Medical Review Board upon completion.

*In a response dated 8/6/25 to the Commission's preliminary report, the Deputy Commissioner indicated that the requested reviews were completed with corrective action training conducted with staff.*

TO THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL:

The Board requests that the Medical Director review the terminal outcome post-surgery of Sanchez and assure that an incident notification to NYS Department of Health was completed in the matter.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 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