



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Chima Williams,
an incarcerated individual of the
Eric M. Taylor Center**

September 24, 2025

**To: Commissioner Lynelle Maginley-Liddie
NYC Department of Correction
75-20 Astoria Blvd., Suite 100
East Elmhurst, NY 11370**

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 Chima Williams, who died on January 4, 2024, as result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the New York City Department of Correction, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Chima Williams was a 43-year-old male who died on 1/4/24 from Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease while in the custody of the New York City Department of Correction (NYC DOC) at the Eric M. Taylor Center (EMTC).
2. [REDACTED] On 12/23/23, Williams was arrested and charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree, one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree, and Menacing 1st Degree. All charges were abated by his death.
3. [REDACTED]
4. On 12/25/23, Williams was received at EMTC [REDACTED]
5. On 12/26/23, Williams was not produced by DOC staff for [REDACTED].
6. [REDACTED]
7. On 12/28/23, Williams was not produced by DOC staff for [REDACTED] as he was at court. However, the movement records received by the Commission from NYC DOC did not indicate any court appearance on that date.
8. On 12/29/23, Williams was not produced by DOC staff for [REDACTED]. Williams was at court per the movement record.
9. [REDACTED]
10. On 1/4/24 at 9:05 a.m., per the control logbook, Williams was afforded recreation.
11. On 1/4/24, Williams was in the gym for recreation and was playing basketball. Williams had thrown the basketball and then laid down on the floor. Upon security staff's arrival,

Williams was laying on his side and was breathing. A medical emergency was called by DOC staff at 9:46 a.m. At 9:48 a.m., medical staff arrived [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

That this case be closed as natural causes.

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.



Yolanda Canty
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

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cc: Deputy Commissioner of Legal Matters/General Counsel
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