



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Derrick Ali,
an incarcerated individual of the
Westchester County Department of Correction**

December 17, 2025

**To: Commissioner Joseph Spano
Westchester Department of Correction
PO Box 389
Valhalla, New York 10595**

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 Derrick Ali, who died on October 25, 2024 , as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction at the Westchester County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Derrick Ali was a 37-year-old male who died on 10/25/24 from acute and chronic bronchial asthma while in the custody of the Westchester County Department of Corrections (WCDOC).

2. [REDACTED]. On August 19, 2024, Ali was arrested on charges of Assault 2nd Degree, Criminal Contempt 1st Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree. These charges were abated by his death.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. On 8/20/24, Ali was received at the WCDOC. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7.

[REDACTED]

8.

[REDACTED]

9.

[REDACTED]

10.

[REDACTED]

11.

On 8/24/24 at 12:45 p.m., Ali was involved in a Use of Force [REDACTED]

12.

[REDACTED]

13.

[REDACTED]

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24. [REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]

26. [REDACTED]

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. [REDACTED]

30. [REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]

33. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

34. [REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]

36. [REDACTED]

37. [REDACTED]

38. [REDACTED]

39. [REDACTED]

40. [REDACTED]

41. [REDACTED]

42. [REDACTED]

43. [REDACTED]

44. [REDACTED]

45. [REDACTED]

46. [REDACTED]

47. [REDACTED]

48. [REDACTED]

49. On 10/25/24 at approximately 4:23 p.m., Corrections Officer (CO) F.P. was conducting a meal relief on OJ-2E. When he let individuals out to the dayroom, CO F.P. was unable to

get a response from Ali. A medical response was activated. CO F.P. began to lock in all of the incarcerated individuals. Ali was on his bunk hunched over with his back against the wall. At approximately 4:28 p.m., medical staff arrived. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At 4:30 p.m., Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was activated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At approximately 4:45 p.m., EMS was called a second time to determine their estimated time of arrival. EMS arrived at 5:11 p.m. At 5:20p.m., the paramedics arrived. [REDACTED]

50. In Ali's cell, a rolled toilet tissue wrapper that was approximately one inch long with one end burnt found on the bed next to Ali. This was confiscated and tested. The testing of the substance revealed that no controlled substance was identified. The absence of a controlled substance was determined by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. However, MDMB-4en-PINACA (synthetic marijuana) was present and was identified by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry against reference library(s) and a known standard(s). [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

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 17th day of December 2025.



Yolanda Canty
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

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