



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Joseph Ambrosio (17A0222),  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Five Points Correctional Facility**

**December 17, 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 Joseph Ambrosio, who died on September 30, 2021, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Five Points Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Joseph Ambrosio was a 60-year-old male who died on 9/30/21 from the combined effects of Fentanyl and Heroin while in the custody of New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) at the Five Points Correctional Facility (CF).

2. [REDACTED] . In November 2016, Ambrosio was convicted of Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Grand Larceny 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, and Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. In January 2017, Ambrosio was sentenced to 25 years to life and was committed to NYS DOCCS.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. On 6/6/19, Ambrosio was received at Five Points CF from Sullivan CF. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

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On 5/13/21, Ambrosio was seen by NPP K.D. for a routine evaluation. Ambrosio

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37. [REDACTED]
38. [REDACTED]
39. [REDACTED]
40. On 9/30/21 at 6:40 a.m., while conducted the count on 9 Block B2 gallery, Correction Officer (CO) R.B. and CO C.B. found Ambrosio unresponsive and prone on the floor of 9 Block B2-48 cell. CO R.B. immediately called an emergency response via the radio. CO R.B. and CO E.S. entered the cell. At 6:42 a.m., CO R.B. and CO E.S. began performing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). At 6:43 a.m., CO R.B. applied an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) but no shock was advised. CO E.S. and CO R.B. continued alternating performing CPR. At 6:45 a.m., CO E.S. administered nasal Narcan 4mg without the desired effect. At 6:50 a.m., CO E.S. administered a second dose of nasal Narcan 4mg which did not have the desired effect. Ambrosio was secured to a backboard and placed on a gurney and removed from the cell. At 7:03 a.m., Ambrosio arrived in the facility infirmary. [REDACTED]
41. Per the facility logbook, there was a supervisory round completed at 5:55 a.m. Per the facility Unusual Incident Report, Ambrosio was last seen alive at approximately 5:53 a.m. when CO F. completed the supervisory round.
42. A review of the facility video by Commission staff showed CO R.B. and CO C.B. make multiple attempts to get a response from Ambrosio and within two minutes, a medical response of security and medical staff arrived.
43. DOCCS Office of Special Investigation (OSI) conducted a search of Ambrosio's cell and no contraband was found. OSI found that the response to Ambrosio's medical

emergency was timely and appropriate, and that staff acted in good faith throughout the attempt to preserve Ambrosio's life.

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ACTIONS REQUIRED:

That this case be closed as an accidental overdose.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Y. Canty', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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 Timothy Carroll, Five Points CF