



**Commission of  
Correction**

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

**In the Matter of the Death of**

**Bryan Ashline (11B3841)  
an incarcerated individual of the  
Clinton 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 Bryan Ashline, who died on December 24, 2021, while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at the Clinton Correctional Facility, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Bryan Ashline was a 35-year-old-male who died on 12/24/21 due to a Fentanyl overdose while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) at the Clinton Correctional Facility (CF).

2. [REDACTED] On 6/21/10, Ashline was arrested for two counts of Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Aggravated Criminal Contempt. In November 2011, Ashline was convicted of Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and on 12/21/11 was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. On 12/22/11, Ashline was received at Elmira CF.

3. In January 2012 Asline transferred to Sing Sing CF. In 2015, while in Sing Sing CF, Ashline was assaulted [REDACTED] Ashline transferred to Shawangunk CF in January 2016. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. On 3/2/20, Ashline was transferred to Clinton CF from Great Meadow CF. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

13. Per DOCCS logbook entries from D Block on 12/24/21, all routine activities continued including mental health rounds, showers, meals, recreation, and drafts. There was no indication of any incident or activity that directly involved Ashline while he was in D-2-5 cell.
14. On 12/24/21, Correction Officer (CO) Z.H. completed a supervisory round at 9:00 p.m. CO Z.H. stated that during that supervisory round, Ashline was in cell D-2-5 and nodded to CO Z.H. CO Z.H. stated that Ashline was alive and well at that time. A review of the facility video footage by Commission staff verified that CO Z.H. completed the 9:00 p.m. round.
15. Upon review of the facility video by Commission staff, between 9:00 p.m. and 10:50 p.m., there were no rounds conducted. This is in violation of NYS DOCCS Directive # 4945, "Inmate Counts", Section III, Sub-Section 3, "Check Counts."
16. On 12/24/21 at 10:50 p.m., while conducting supervisory rounds, CO J.G. and CO R.D. discovered Ashline in his cell on his knees, hunched forward, facing the floor and unresponsive. CO J.G. immediately called for a medical response. At 10:55 p.m., RN M.G., Sergeant (Sgt.) E.F., CO J.R., CO N.H., CO M.N., CO D.A., and CO T.H. arrived at the cell. CO N.H. and CO J.R. entered the cell and carried Ashline out of the cell and to the front of D-2 company for an evaluation by medical staff. [REDACTED]
17. The Medical Review Board finds that the response time of five minutes by first responders, both security and medical staff, to the medical emergency was untimely. Per Directive NYS DOCCS Directive #4095, all local resources and procedures should be designed to ensure that an emergency response can be achieved anywhere in the facility in less than three minutes.
18. NYS DOCCS Office of Special Investigation (OSI) conducted a cell search of Ashline's cell and found 0.01g of a powdery substance beneath a black trimmer case. OSI secured the unknown substance for later testing. Twenty emery boards were also found in Ashline's cell. The unknown powdery substance was transported and analyzed by National Medical Services (NMS) Labs. The analysis by NMS Labs of the unknown

powdery substance recovered at the time of Ashline's death resulted in a positive indication for Fentanyl, with no other compounds found.

19. Additionally, OSI investigated the death of Justin Odell (MRB # 2021-M-0176), which occurred on 12/27/21, three days after Ashline, due to a Fentanyl overdose. OSI did not discover evidence to determine the origin or supplier of the Fentanyl, but did reveal two incarcerated individuals allegedly known for narcotic distribution. Each individual was investigated and received sanctions and additional prison sentences for charges unrelated.

20. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION:

1. The Deputy Commissioner shall conduct a review of the facility staff's actions and determine why supervisory rounds were not completed in accordance with Directive #4945.
2. The Deputy Commissioner shall conduct a review of the facility staff's procedures, the facility resources and design in order to determine why there was an over three minute delay in the response to the medical emergency which is in violation of Directive #4059.

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

*In a response dated 10/22/25 to the Commission's preliminary report, the Deputy Commissioner for Health Services indicated that the requested reviews were completed with corrective actions taken.*

TO THE DIRECTOR OF PATHOLOGY AT UVM CHAMPLAIN VALLEY PHYSICIANS HOSPITAL:

The Medical Review Board requests a review of the autopsy and report by Dr. L.S. on Bryan Ashline regarding the finding of blood in his stomach but no evident exploratory examination of the source or cause.

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.



Yolanda Canty  
Commissioner  
Commission of Correction

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cc: Dr. Carol Moores, Deputy Commissioner Chief Medical Officer  
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