



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Willie Dancy (03B1803),
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 Willie Dancy, who died on January 25, 2022, 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. Willie Dancy was a 45-year-old male who died on 1/25/22 due to complications of a ruptured cerebral aneurysm and hypertensive cerebrovascular disease while in the custody of New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) at the Five Points Correctional Facility (CF). The Medical Review Board opines that there were failures by DOCCS medical staff to diagnose Dancy's hypertension and recognize his altered mental status as a sign of an impending stroke. The Board has found this led to delays in Dancy receiving a higher level of medical care which may have prevented his death.

2. [REDACTED]

In May 2003, Dancy was convicted of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree and Murder 2nd Degree and was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison. On 7/31/2003, Dancy was received at Wende CF.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. In October 2020, Dancy transferred from Auburn CF to Five Points CF.

6. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

19.

[REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

22. [REDACTED]

23. [REDACTED]

24. [REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]

26. [REDACTED]

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. [REDACTED]

30. On 1/25/22 at 8:20 p.m., while delivering law library materials to Dancy in cell 12-B-2-38, Corrections Officer (CO) A.R. observed that Dancy had slurred speech, was lethargic and was unable to keep his eyes open. CO A.R. notified the area supervisor who arrived with additional staff and Dancy was escorted to the infirmary to be evaluated.

[REDACTED]

. This is a violation of NYS DOCCS Health Services Policy Manuel 4.06(c)(2) Regional Medical Unit and Infirmary Health Records which states: *All notes are written on the "Progress Note" Form 3178.* Additionally, the admission of an individual to an infirmary without a provider's order is in violation of 9 NYCRR §7651.11(b) which states:
(b) Except in emergencies, inmates shall be admitted to a facility infirmary only upon the order of a clinical physician. If an inmate is admitted to a facility infirmary from a hospital, the clinical physician shall request a written comprehensive treatment summary and plan for continuing care from such hospital.

The Medical Review Board opines that Dancy's altered mental status was misdiagnosed by RN [REDACTED], who also failed to consult with a physician. The Medical Review Board opines that Dancy was in need of an immediate transfer to the hospital for diagnoses and interventional care.

31. [REDACTED]

32. On 1/25/22 [REDACTED]. At 10:50 p.m., CO G.S. and RN [REDACTED] entered Dancy's room [REDACTED]. CO G.S. initiated Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) [REDACTED]. CO [REDACTED] T.G., CO C.C. and Sergeant (Sgt.) C.B. responded to the medical emergency. [REDACTED]. At 10:52 p.m., Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was activated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. At 11:12 p.m., South Seneca Ambulance EMS arrived on scene and assumed care of Dancy.

33. Sgt. C.B. documented in a report that while administering the BVM, Sgt. C.B. discovered and secured a small white pill. The pill was found near Dancy's hand, slightly under a radiator in the infirmary room. The pill was later identified by RN [REDACTED] as Norvasc 10mg, of which Dancy did not have a prescription.

34.

[REDACTED]

35. Per the DOCCS Office of Special Investigation (OSI) Closing Report dated 7/15/25, OSI found no malfeasance or misfeasance that contributed to the death of Dancy.

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 Dancy at Five Points CF with a focus on:

- Why a medical provider was not contacted regarding Dancy's altered mental status.
- Who ordered Dancy's admission to the infirmary.
- Why the medical staff failed to utilize the proper infirmary forms.
- Why Dancy's hypertension was not diagnosed and managed.

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

In a response dated 11/5/25 to the Commission's preliminary report, the Deputy Commissioner for Health Services indicated that the requested reviews were completed. The response

indicated that documentation from the medical record indicated a provider was consulted with and there was documentation of who ordered Dancy's infirmary admission. This documentation was not received by the Commission in the original information provided by NYS DOCCS.

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