



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Anthony Ford,
an incarcerated individual of the
Monroe County Jail**

December 17, 2025

**To: Sheriff Todd K. Baxter
Monroe County Sheriff's Office
130 Plymouth Avenue So.
Rochester, New York 14614**

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 Anthony Ford, who died on August 31, 2024, as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Monroe County Sheriff at the Monroe County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Anthony Ford was a 35-year-old male who died on 8/31/24 from the combined effects of methadone, ethanol, and cocaine while in the custody of the Monroe County Sheriff at the Monroe County Jail. Ford was serving an intermittent sentence of weekends and was incarcerated for his final scheduled weekend when his death occurred.
2. Ford was born in Rochester, NY. Ford was survived by his parents and siblings. Ford was single with no children.
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. On 7/3/24, Ford was resentenced by the Gates Town Justice Court to serve eight consecutive weekends from 7/12/24 to 9/1/24 for the charge of Driving While Intoxicated. Ford was to be booked into the facility every Friday at 6:00 p.m., and released on Sundays at 4:00 p.m.
7. On 7/10/24 at 1:26 p.m., Ford reported to the Monroe County Jail to complete his booking intake for his upcoming weekend admission. Ford scored a "1" on the Suicide Prevention Screening Guidelines [REDACTED].
8. On 7/12/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to begin serving the eight consecutive weekends. Ford completed the jail admission process which included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.
9. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. On 7/19/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to serve his second weekend of incarceration. Ford completed the jail admission process that included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. On 7/26/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to serve his third weekend of incarceration. Ford completed the jail admission process that included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.

15. [REDACTED]

16. [REDACTED]

17. On 8/2/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to serve his fourth weekend incarceration. Ford completed the jail admission process that included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.

18. [REDACTED]

19. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

20. On 8/9/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to serve his fifth weekend incarceration. Ford completed the jail admission process that included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.

21. [REDACTED]

22. [REDACTED]

23. On 8/16/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to serve his sixth weekend incarceration. Ford completed the jail admission process that included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.

24. [REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]

26. On 8/23/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to serve his seventh weekend incarceration. Ford completed the jail admission process that included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.

27. [REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. On 8/30/24, Ford was admitted to the Monroe County Jail to serve his eighth and final weekend incarceration. Ford completed the jail admission process that included a body scan with no obvious abnormalities visualized on the scan.

30. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. A

review of the video recording of Mezz A Housing Unit by Commission staff observed Ford walking independently out of his cell to the day area space to meet with RN [REDACTED] for his receiving screening. Ford was observed ambulating out of his cell independently with a steady gait over to the day space table that was approximately five steps from his cell where he sat down to meet with RN [REDACTED]. Ford was observed engaging with the nurse and a deputy during his screening. At 8:22 p.m., Ford was observed independently standing up from the table and walking back in his cell. Ford was observed walking around by his cell door and he appeared to be conversing with other incarcerated individuals on the unit.

31. On 8/30/24 between the hours of 11:00 p.m. through 12:00 a.m., a review of the Mezz A logbook by Commission staff found that there were no specific logbook entries made for Ford.

32. On 8/31/24 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. through 7:30 a.m., a review of the Mezz A logbook by Commission staff found that there were no specific logbook entries made for Ford.

33. On 8/31/24, Deputy S.P. was assigned to the Mezz A Housing Unit. At approximately 7:55 a.m., Deputy S.P. unlocked each weekender's cell for their breakfast trays. Deputy S.P. observed that Ford was not responding when another incarcerated individual attempted to wake Ford up for his breakfast tray. Deputy S.P. responded to Ford's cell and observed Ford to be unresponsive. At 7:57 a.m., Deputy S.P. called a "Code Blue" via his radio and Corporal W.B. responded to the scene. American Medical Response EMS (AMR) was called at 7:57 a.m. with the request for an ambulance with advance life support (ALS). At 8:00 a.m., the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) arrived on the unit, and it was applied to Ford, but no shock was advised. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was initiated along with the administration of the first dose of Narcan.

34. [REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
36. A review of the video recording of Mezz A Housing Unit on 8/30/24 by Commission staff revealed that at 8:58 p.m., Ford was observed hanging a blanket across the bars of his cell. Ford removed the blanket from the cell bars at 9:04 p.m. Ford remained in and out of the view of the video camera through 9:41 p.m. when he again hung a blanket across the bars of his cell. The unit lights were turned down at 9:41 p.m. and Ford's cell remained visible with the blanket covering the cell door. At 9:49 p.m., Ford removed the blanket from the cell bars, and he continued to be frequently visualized by his cell door. At 10:11 p.m., Deputy M.B. was observed completing a supervisory round of the unit. At 10:18 p.m., Ford was observed hanging a blanket from the cell bars. Ford removed the blanket from the cell bars at 10:33 p.m. just prior to Deputy M.B. starting supervisory rounds on the unit. The video recording of Ford removing the blanket from the cell bars at 10:33 p.m. was the last video recording that captured any movement from Ford while he was in his cell. At 10:52 p.m., Deputy M.B. was observed completing a supervisory round of the unit with oncoming Deputy P.B. During an interview with Commission staff, Deputy M.B. reported that Ford was awake and talking with other incarcerated individuals until 11:00 p.m. that night. Deputy M.B. reported that the unit lights were dim but that you could still see into the cells when rounds were being completed.
37. A review of the video recording of Mezz A Housing Unit by Commission staff revealed that supervisory rounds by corrections staff were conducted per the minimum standard requirements.
38. [REDACTED]

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE OFFICE OF THE MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF:

The Sheriff shall conduct an inquiry into the conduct of the deputies who were responsible for Ford's supervision in view of the fact that obvious post-mortem changes indicate that his death occurred in excess of two hours prior to his discovery. Administrative action should be taken if found to be in violation of facility policy and procedures.

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

In a response dated 11/7/25 to the Commission's preliminary report, the Jail Administration indicated that the requested review was completed but no administrative action was found necessary to be taken.

TO THE MONROE COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN AND THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR PRIMECARE:


The Medical Director shall conduct a comprehensive quality assurance review regarding why on the weekend of July 19, 2024, through July 21, 2024, there was no Weekender Receiving

Screening completed for Ford.

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

In a response dated 11/6/25 to the Commission's preliminary report, PrimeCare Inc. indicated that the requested review was completed. The Commission will follow up on the findings at a later scheduled health services evaluation.

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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