



**Commission of
Correction**

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

In the Matter of the Death of

**Alisha Nason,
an incarcerated individual of the
Franklin County Jail**

December 17, 2025

**To: Sheriff Jay D. Cook
Franklin County Sheriff's Office
45 Bare Hill Road
Malone, New York 12953**

Allen Riley
Chairman

Yolanda Canty
Commissioner

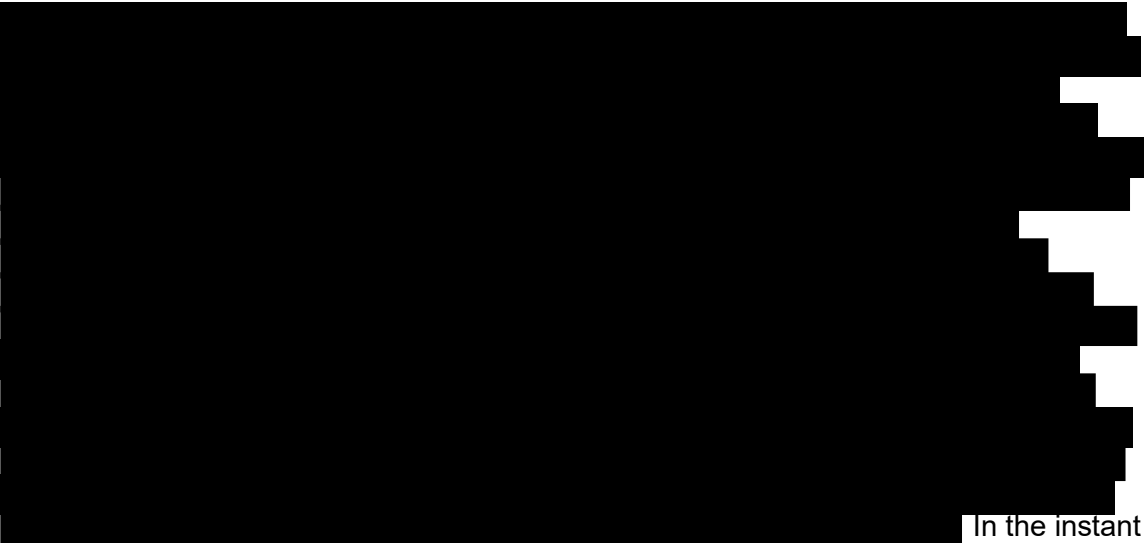
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Commissioner

GREETINGS:

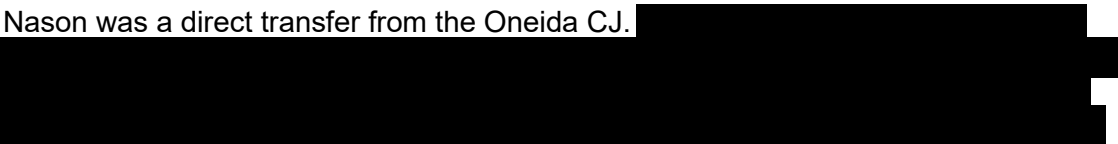
WHEREAS, the Medical Review Board has reported to the NYS Commission of Correction pursuant to Correction Law, section 47(1)(d), regarding the death of Alisha Nason, who died on January 7, 2024 , as a result of circumstances which occurred while an incarcerated individual in the custody of the Franklin County Sheriff at the Franklin County Jail, the Commission has determined that the following final report be issued.

FINDINGS:

1. Alisha Nason was a 32-year-old self-identified male who died on 1/7/24 from acute multidrug intoxication while in the custody of the Franklin County Sheriff at the Franklin County Jail (CJ). Nason was discovered by another incarcerated individual who informed a correction officer that he was unresponsive in his dorm. Despite resuscitation efforts, Nason was pronounced deceased at the facility. Nason had received his first documented dose of Sublocade the previous morning and was witnessed to be manipulating the medication injection site. The Board has found that Nason's overdose was related to access to multiple medications that were illicitly diverted within the jail plus the manipulation and alteration of a long-acting medication site for Buprenorphine.

2.  In the instant offense, Nason was found to have violated his probation and a condition of his sentence that resulted in Nason directly transferring from the Oneida CJ to the Franklin CJ to serve two sentences of 364 days.

3. Nason was a self-identified male who was born as a female and was in the process of transitioning genders. Nason presented physically as a female and was housed with the female population including her two previous incarcerations with NYS DOCCS. Nason was born in Malone, NY. Nason received a GED but was unemployed at the time of his arrest. Nason was survived by his mother, father, two sisters and one brother.

4. Nason was a direct transfer from the Oneida CJ. 

[REDACTED]

5. On 12/27/23 at 4:20 p.m., Nason was admitted to the Franklin CJ due to a violation of his probation. Nason was transferred directly from the Oneida CJ. Correction Officer (CO) K.A. completed Nason's intake suicide prevention screening with Nason scoring a '2'. CO K.A. documented that Nason provided a history of [REDACTED] Nason was referred to medical and mental health for evaluations.

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

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On 1/6/24 at 10:18 a.m., Nason was documented in the housing area logbook to medical with a documented return at 10:24 a.m.

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
15. On 1/6/24 at 1:23 p.m., Nason was documented in the housing area logbook as receiving nail clippers. At 2:34 p.m., the nail clippers were documented as being returned.
 16. On 1/6/24 at 3:24 p.m., CO T.T. documented in the housing area logbook the assumption of the duties of the housing unit. Housing unit watch tours were documented at 30-minute intervals through 8:53 p.m.
 17. [REDACTED]
 18. At 9:19 p.m., CO J.H. documented in the housing area logbook the assumption of the duties of the housing unit. Housing unit watch tours were documented at 30-minute intervals through 11:06 p.m. During an interview with Commission staff, CO J.H. stated that he was not on this post for the entire shift but on in relief of another officer. CO J.H. indicated that during his watch tours, there was nothing out of the ordinary and nothing regarding Nason was reported to the oncoming officer, CO M.F.
 19. During an interview with Commission staff, CO M.F. stated that in the pre-shift briefing when he assumed his post duties from CO J.H, nothing was said about Nason. CO M.F. indicated that he did not have any interactions with Nason that night as Nason was sleeping the entire shift.
 20. On 1/6/24 at 11:27 p.m., CO M.F. documented his initial housing area watch tour in the housing area logbook. Subsequent watch tours were documented at 30-minute intervals through 1/7/24 at 1:07 a.m. During an interview with Commission staff, CO M.F. stated that during the rounds he completed of the dorm, Nason was sitting on his bunk hunched over. CO M.F. continued by saying that it was not unusual for incarcerated individuals to sleep in a position like that and that he had observed Nason to be breathing, so he left Nason alone. CO M.F. stated that Nason was not in this same position at the beginning of his shift but moved into it at some point in the night.
 21. On 1/7/24 at 1:27 a.m., CO K.F. documented in the housing area logbook his assumption of the housing unit while CO M.F. was on break. CO K.F. documented a watch tour at 1:30 a.m. During an interview with Commission staff, CO K.F. stated that when he conducted this tour of the housing area, Nason was observed sitting up and that he heard audible breathing coming from Nason. CO M.F. returned to his duties on the housing unit and documented watch tours at 1:55 a.m., 2:20 a.m., and 2:45 a.m. During an interview with Commission staff, CO M.F. stated that he began his tours in the dorm then went to the blocks and back to the officer's desk to complete his rounds.
 22. CO M.F. documented in a post tour supplemental report that was completed a few minutes after completion of the watch tour at 2:47 a.m., that Incarcerated Individual [REDACTED] got out of bed and came to the window by the officer's post. Incarcerated individual [REDACTED] reported that she attempted to wake Nason up, but he did not respond. Incarcerated individual [REDACTED] informed CO M.F. that there was something wrong with Nason. During an interview with Commission staff, CO M.F. stated that a female from a neighboring bunk got up to use the bathroom and noticed that Nason was in that position and had snort on

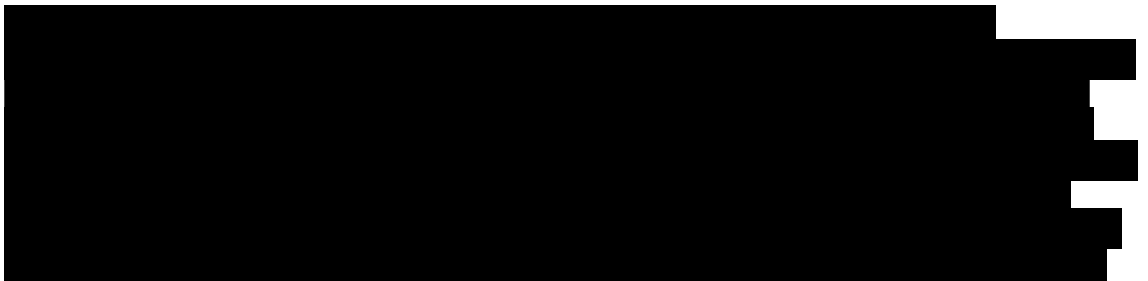
her face and that the incarcerated individual attempted to wake Nason up. At approximately 2:50 a.m., CO M.F. entered Dorm 5 and observed Nason in his bunk leaning forward, hunched over with his head towards the foot of the bed. Nason's head was pressing against the sheet and mattress with snot coming from his nose. CO M.F. observed Nason's head slanted to the side and his mouth was open. CO M.F. attempted to wake Nason up but was unsuccessful. CO M.F. called for a medical emergency via the facility radio. CO M.F. documented that within minutes, responding security staff arrived. During an interview with Commission staff, CO M.F. stated that he did not hear any sounds or observe any signs of life from Nason.

23. Sergeant (Sgt.) G.D. documented that at approximately 2:50 a.m., a code blue was called. This prompted a response from himself along with CO A.R., CO A.D., CO W.L. and CO K.F. Nason was observed to be unresponsive. Sgt. G.D. documented that he checked Nason for a pulse but did not find one. During an interview with Commission staff, Sgt. G.D. stated that he heard a gurgling sound coming from Nason and shook Nason but got no response. Sgt. G.D. indicated that compressions were started on the bunk and then Nason was moved to the floor where cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) continued.
24. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was activated and Nason was lowered to the floor and the first dose of Narcan was administered. Rescue breathing was initiated.
25. The automated external defibrillator (AED) was applied but there were no shocks advised. Officers utilized the shaving kit within the AED as the pads were not sticking. An additional AED was applied as it was thought that the AED was not properly assessing Nason as the pads were not sticking. CPR was continued and CO W.L. observed something in Nason's mouth. CO W.L. performed a finger sweep and retrieved what appeared to have been a small amount of an apple from Nason's airway.

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- [REDACTED]
28. Commission staff reviewed the recorded phone calls completed by Nason while he was incarcerated at the Franklin CJ. These phone calls included conversations in which Nason suggested that he was receiving gabapentin from other incarcerated individuals in the dorm. Nason initially requested a payment to be placed on the account of an incarcerated individual in exchange for the gabapentin that Nason had already received. Nason reported that the incarcerated individual was no longer providing the medication, and that the payment should be provided to a different incarcerated individual as she was now providing Nason with the pills. Commission staff reviewed the phone calls prior to Nason receiving the Sublocade injection on 1/6/24. Nason speech was profoundly different and slurred in the recorded phone calls after the Sublocade injection. Nason indicated in the calls that he could not keep his eyes open and that he was nodding off, all indicators that Nason was highly intoxicated.
29. The New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) completed an incident report as this was an unattended death. On 1/7/24, BCI's investigation included interviews of incarcerated individuals that where in the dorm at the time of Nason's death. Witness interviews included observations that incarcerated females in the dorm between 1/4/24 and 1/6/24 would secrete, or cheek, their medications from the medication pass inside their mouth and then remove the medication once the officers left the area. Witnesses saw multiple individuals give their medications to Nason who would take the medications into the bathroom, crush them and then inhale them. Witnesses also described Nason as appearing sick after the Sublocade injection which included descriptions of profuse sweating and turning purple.
30. Commission staff conducted an interview with an incarcerated individual who was housed at the Franklin CJ dorm with Nason at the time of his death. The incarcerated individual indicated that she was in the bunk next to Nason and that she had observed Nason receive gabapentin from other incarcerated individuals and snort the medication but did not see this on the night of his death. The incarcerated individual indicated that Nason received both his testosterone and Sublocade injection at the same time. By the time Nason had returned to the dorm, he had begun to feel the effects of the Sublocade. Nason presented with signs of being high including not being able to walk straight, nodding off, sweating and stating that something was wrong. Nason was observed to have been rubbing and manipulating the injection site. After the evening medication pass, Nason started to feel better and was no longer talking with slurred speech. A little after 3:00 a.m., Nason was observed not making any noise, had blotchy arms as if he were cold, had no chest rise and bloody snot was coming from his nose and mouth.
31. The Medical Review Board finds that there was evidence of medication diversion and signs of intoxication with Nason that went unrecognized during his incarceration. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



In addition to elevated buprenorphine levels, the Board found that Nason had toxic levels of both Olanzapine and Venlafaxine indicating that Nason engaging in multiple acts of medication diversion.

ACTIONS REQUIRED:

TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE:

The Jail Administration shall conduct a review of the procedures and training regarding security during medication delivery with staff to assure that the individuals are taking their medications and the attempts to divert medications are minimized. Additionally, the Jail Administration should collaborate with the Jail Physician to educate correction staff on recognizing and responding to signs of drug intoxication.

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

In a response dated 11/25/25 to the Commission's preliminary report, Franklin CJ Administration indicated the requested review was completed with corrective action training completed. The Commission will verify corrective actions taken 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.

Handwritten signature of Yolanda Canty.

Yolanda Canty
Commissioner
Commission of Correction

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