

DETAINED PERSON	DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE OF DEATH	ADAMS' ADMINISTRATION FAILURE(S)
Tarz Youngblood READ MORE	2/27/22	Overdose	Insufficient Touring: Did not complete tours every 30 minutes; did not check Youngblood's cell for over 3 hours. Security & PREA Violation: Cell window was obstructed by sheet. Insufficiently-Staffed Post: "A" Post Officer was not allowed detainee contact.
George Pagan READ MORE	3/17/22	Sepsis	Missed Medical Appointments: DOC failed to produce Pagan to 9 medical appointments in the 6 days leading to his death; Pagan did not receive necessary medication. Delayed Medical Response on Date of Death: No one responded until 47 minutes after detainees alerted Officers to Pagan's medical emergency. Unstaffed Post: No Officer on Post until 2:30pm. No Tours Completed: "B" Post Officer did not tour; instead hung out with fellow CO on a different post.
Herman Diaz READ MORE	3/18/22	Choked on Orange	No Medical Aid Performed by DOC: The "A" Post Officer refused to perform CPR or Heimlich. Unstaffed Post: No Floor Officer on Post. Insufficiently Staffed Post: "A" Post Officer was not allowed detainee contact so he watched Mr. Diaz die while detainees begged the Officer to help. Medical Was Not Called: DOC claims the "A" Officer called medical but no record exists and Correctional Health Services denies any calls for help; detainees carried Mr. Diaz to the clinic.
Dashawn Carter READ MORE	5/7/22	Suicide (Hanging)	No "Mental Health Designation": Mr. Carter had just returned from a 9-month stay in a psychiatric facility and had previously been placed on suicide watch. Possible Lack of Mental Health Treatment: Waiting for final report on this; possibly did not receive meds. Possible Delayed Medical Attention: Waiting for final report on this; detainees performed CPR but unsure how long delay was before DOC/CHS stepped in.
Mary Yehudah READ MORE READ MORE	5/18/22	Suspected Diabetic Ketoacidosis	Possible Deficient Medical Care: Correctional Health Services failed to do urinalysis; DOC failed to provide medical checkup. Insufficient Touring: DOC staff did not tour every 30 minutes as required; Ms. Yehudah was not checked for 90 minutes – she died during that time. Molina Reversed Decision to Move Women off Rikers Island: Awaiting further details; this is still under investigation. DOC originally claimed she died of an overdose but Ms. Yehudah's family's lawsuit contained evidence that she had no illicit drugs in her system and that she died from complications from untreated diabetes.
Emanuel Sullivan READ MORE	5/28/22	Unknown	Found dead in bed with blood dripping from nose; still under investigation.
Antonio Bradley READ MORE	6/18/22	Suicide (Hanging)	Delayed Response: Mr. Bradley was hanging for 6-9 minutes before anyone assisted. Cover-Up by DOC: DOC compassionately released a brain-dead Mr. Bradley so that when he officially died, DOC would not have to report it; DOC did not report his death, although they were aware he died, which delayed and tarnished the Attorney General and DOI investigations.
Anibal Carrasquillo READ MORE	6/20/22	Overdose	Insufficient Tours Understaffed Posts Closure of OBCC: Days before his overdose, Mr. Carrasquillo was detained at OBCC. Upon closing OBCC, he was moved to GRVC, where drugs & violence are rampant.
Albert Drye READ MORE	6/21/22	Unknown	Still no solid details here yet.
Elijah Muhammad READ MORE	7/11/22	Suspected Overdose	Likely Delayed Medical Attention: Preliminary evidence that Mr. Muhammad was suffering earlier in the day with symptoms of overdose, but was ignored by staff. Likely Insufficient Tours: Rigor mortis had already set in by the time Muhammad's body was found.
Michael Lopez READ MORE	7/15/22	Suspected Overdose	Awaiting details but likely neglect by corrections staff, who did not intercede in drug use.
Ricardo Cruciani READ MORE	8/15/22	Suicide (Hanging)	Negligence: The DOC was directed by a judge to place Cruciani in protective custody and under suicide watch, however this was not complied with. Understaffed Building: detainee was placed in understaffed Eric M. Taylor Center with the general population.
Michael Nieves READ MORE	8/25/22	Suicide (Slit His Throat)	Security Violation: Mr. Nieves slit his throat with a razor that officers gave him on Rikers Island. Negligence: Instead of saving him, 3 Officers watched him for 10 minutes as he bled out. He was transferred to hospital and put on life support, but was pronounced brain dead. Cover up by DOC: DOC failed to report the incident to elected officials who toured the island later that day.
Kevin Bryan READ MORE	9/14/22	Suicide (Hanging)	Potential Unstaffed Post in Understaffed Building: Mr. Bryan hung himself in a locked staff bathroom after he was jumped by other detainees.
Gregory Acevedo READ MORE	9/20/22	Taken Off Life Support	Potential Unstaffed Post in Understaffed Building: Acevedo climbed the towering fence on the roof of the city's floating jail barge, over barbed wire, and jumped into the East River. How did the Department of Corrections enable this?
Elmore Robert Pondexter READ MORE	9/22/22	Taken Off Life Support	Potential Unstaffed Post in Understaffed Building: Pondexter was intentionally granted "compassionate release" from detention, so that the Department of Corrections did not have to count his death as having occurred in their custody. This highlights the lengths to which Molina was willing to go to keep the death figures down – he specifically told his senior staff to ensure that a dying man was "off the Department's count."
Erick Tavira READ MORE	10/22/22	Suicide (Hanging)	Likely Insufficient Tours: 28-year-old Erick was being housed in the mental health unit at the George R. Verno Center (GRVC). This death surpassed the death count of 16 in 2021.
Gilberto Garcia READ MORE	10/31/22	Suspected Overdose	Likely Insufficient Tours: Almost 3 years to the day after he entered Rikers Island to await court date on robbery charge, 26-year-old Gilberto died of a suspected overdose and was found cold-and-blue, indicating that he had been dead for a long time.
Edgardo Mejias READ MORE	12/11/22	Suspected Overdose	Likely Insufficient Tours: Correction Department sources said he was discovered by other detainees, who alerted staff. Several attempts were made to revive Mejias with Narcan but he did not respond, suggesting he was already too far gone by the time staff reached his side, the sources said.
Marvin Pines READ MORE	2/4/23	Seizure (Under Investigation)	Insufficient Touring: 7 Correction Officers were suspended as a result of Marvin's death – in large part because they failed to carry out their routine tours of the facility. Marvin should never have died, and was known to suffer from seizures.
Rubu Zhao READ MORE	5/16/23	Fatal Injury (Under Investigation)	Insufficient Medical Supervision: Rubu was being held in Riker's most heavily staffed intensive-care psychiatric housing area, meant to have a higher degree of security and medical supervision. Clearly this supervision was lacking.
Joshua Valles READ MORE	5/30/23	Autopsy Shows Skull Fracture (Under Investigation)	DOC told the monitor that Valles "appeared to sustain a heart attack and that the Department does not suspect that any foul play occurred." The autopsy shows a skull fracture. We demand answers now as foul play and cover ups are clear in this case and many more by DOC.
Felix Taveras READ MORE	7/4/23	Suspected Overdose	Felix was taken to a clinic for medical care following complaints of chest pain, where he later died. DOC has admitted to misconduct – they have stated that procedural violations were discovered and therefore suspensions will be issued.
Ricky Howell READ MORE	7/6/23	Illness	Ricky died of stage 4 cancer in Bellevue Hospital Prison Ward. He was arrested on Sept 2, 2022.
William Johnstone READ MORE	7/15/23	Suspected Overdose	William was found unresponsive in his cell and was taken to Mount Sinai Queens, where he died. Guards administered narcan, suggesting likely overdose . This comes shortly after Commissioner Molina bragged under oath that zero overdose deaths had occurred under his watch because he's stopped drugs from coming into the jail. William & Felix's preventable deaths prove otherwise.
Curtis Davis READ MORE	7/23/23	Suspected Overdose	An Assistant Deputy Warden signed the book but did not tour the area where Curtis died. There was also not a captain in the area due to a lack of staff. Curtis did not have to die and should still be alive.
Donny Ubiera READ MORE	8/22/23	Unknown	Donny Ubiera, age 33, was found unresponsive in his cell in the George R. Verno Center at approximately 5:15 am on Tuesday. He received immediate medical care but was pronounced dead at approximately 5:51 am.