

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: DENNIS, Cambric

GENERAL DEMOGRAPHIC/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Date of Birth: March 2, 1980
Date of Death: May 22, 2024

• Age: 44

• Gender: Male

• Country of Citizenship: Liberia

• Marital Status: N/A

• Children: N/A

IMMIGRATION HISTORY

On August 5, 1997, the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) admitted Mr. DENNIS to the United States, at Atlanta, GA, as a lawful permanent resident (LPR).

Following several encounters with state criminal authorities spanning many years, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Atlanta encountered Mr. DENNIS at Georgia Department of Corrections (GDOC) on July 5, 2023, in Jackson, GA, and charged him with removability pursuant to Section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the INA, as a noncitizen convicted of an aggravated felony related to controlled substance trafficking, and lodged an Immigration Detainer with GDOC.

On October 23, 2023, GDOC released Mr. DENNIS to the custody of ERO Atlanta, and ERO detained Mr. DENNIS at Stewart Detention Center (SDC), located in Lumpkin, Georgia.

SYNOPSIS OF EVENTS

On October 23, 2023, a registered nurse (RN) completed Mr. DENNIS' intake screening, documented normal vital signs, his report of previous use of pain medicine and an antibiotic for a toothache, as well as his denial of any other past medical and mental health history, and cleared him for general population. Mr. DENNIS' GDOC transfer summary showed no pertinent medical or mental health history, except being underweight.

On October 31, 2023, an advanced practice provider (APP) completed Mr. DENNIS' initial physical exam, documented self-reported weight loss in one month, his denial of any past medical or mental health history, and a normal exam and vital signs. The APP ordered routine blood work, urinalysis, and an electrocardiogram, which all showed normal results, except a slightly lower red blood cell count, and cleared him for general population.

On November 15, 2023, an APP completed Mr. DENNIS' follow-up evaluation, reviewed his normal blood work, urinalysis, and electrocardiogram results, and documented "stable weight," and a normal exam and vital signs, except a mildly elevated blood pressure. The APP recommended a

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fecal occult test to rule out any gastrointestinal bleeding, which Mr. DENNIS refused, and cleared him for general population.

On December 10, 2023, Mr. DENNIS submitted a sick request for depression and insomnia.

On December 11, 2023, an RN evaluated Mr. DENNIS, documented his denial of suicidal thoughts, and referred him for a mental health evaluation.

On January 19, 2024, a behavioral health provider (BHP) completed a tele-visit with Mr. DENNIS and documented his report of difficulty sleeping, stress, and anxiety. The BHP noted a normal mental health exam, Mr. DENNIS' denial of any suicidal thoughts, instructed him to follow up in six weeks, and cleared him for general population.

• On the same date, a psychiatrist diagnosed Mr. DENNIS with depression and anxiety and ordered an antidepressant.

On January 24, 2024, at 11:47 a.m., a BHP emergently evaluated Mr. DENNIS at the request of a housing unit manager. The BHP documented Mr. DENNIS' report anxious, request to be alone, and denial of any suicidal thoughts. The BHP noted a normal mental health exam and notified custody staff of Mr. DENNIS' request to be housed alone.

• At 12:00 p.m., an RN completed Mr. DENNIS' restrictive housing assessment, documented a normal exam and vital signs, except a mildly elevated blood pressure, and cleared him for segregation per his request.

On February 7, 2024, a psychiatrist completed Mr. DENNIS' follow-up evaluation via tele-visit, documented his moderately depressed appearance with mild anxiety, denial of suicidal thoughts, no danger to self, and increased his antidepressant medication dosage.

On February 21, 2024, during a psychiatric tele-visit, an APP urgently evaluated Mr. DENNIS per the request of the psychiatrist, who reported Mr. DENNIS displayed signs of delayed response to questions. The APP documented a normal exam and vital signs, and Mr. DENNIS' report of feeling "more tired than normal and missing a few nights of sleep." The APP emergently ordered an electrocardiogram, blood electrolyte levels, complete blood count, and drug screening, which all yielded normal results, and admitted Mr. DENNIS to the medical housing unit for monitoring.

On February 22, 2024, an APP evaluated Mr. DENNIS, documented a normal exam and vital signs, and discharged Mr. DENNIS from the medical housing unit per his request.

On May 15, 2024, an RN documented Mr. DENNIS' refusal of a urine drug screen, secondary to custody staff's referral for suspicion of drug use. The RN noted Mr. DENNIS avoided eye contact and laughed inappropriately.

On May 22, 2024, at 3:43 p.m., a custody staff member announced a medical emergency for a noncitizen presenting with chest pain and subsequently announced the noncitizen was unresponsive.

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- At 3:46 p.m., health staff arrived at the scene, discovered an unresponsive, pale, and cold Mr. DENNIS on his cell floor, lying on his back, and without a pulse. Responding health staff immediately initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and simultaneously directed custody staff to call 911, applied an automated external defibrillator (AED) on Mr. DENNIS' chest, and delivered shocks when prompted by the AED.
- At 3:58 p.m., health staff administered intranasal naloxone (rapid opioid overdose reversal agent) to Mr. DENNIS.
- At 4:07 p.m., Mr. DENNIS' pupils remained fixed and dilated.
- At 4:22 p.m., emergency medical services (EMS) personnel arrived at the scene, assumed Mr. DENNIS' care, and continued resuscitative intervention.
- At 4:35 p.m., EMS personnel transported Mr. DENNIS to Phoebe Sumter Medical Center emergency room for higher level of care.
- At 5:24 p.m., the emergency room attending physician declared Mr. DENNIS deceased.