

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: AKINYEMI, Anthony Oluseye

General Demographic/Background Information

• Date of Birth: March 6, 1963

• **Date of Death:** December 21, 2019

• **Age:** 56

• Gender: Male

• Country of Citizenship: Nigeria

• Marital Status: Married

• Children: 3

Immigration History

- On December 13, 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection admitted AKINYEMI into the United States (U.S.) at New York City, New York, as a B2 non-immigrant with authorization to remain in the U.S for a temporary period not to exceed June 12, 2018. However, he remained beyond that date without authorization.
- On July 23, 2019, Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Baltimore served an Immigration Detainer-Notice of Action, Form I-247, on Mr. AKINYEMI after his arrest on charges for sexual abuse of a minor.
- On December 20, 2019, Baltimore City Jail in Baltimore, Maryland (MD) released Mr. AKINYEMI to ERO Baltimore pursuant to the immigration detainer. ERO transferred Mr. AKINYEMI to Worcester County Jail (WCJ) for housing.

Criminal History

• On July 2, 2019, Mr. AKINYEMI was charged with felony assault (1399) as well as a misdemeanor sex offense (3699). He was convicted of both crimes on December 19, 2019 and sentenced to eight (8) years' incarceration and was released with a suspended sentence and three years' probation.

Medical History

• On December 20, 2019, at approximately 10:21 p.m., a licensed practical nurse (LPN) completed Mr. AKINYEMI's medical intake screening. Mr. AKINYEMI reported a history of hypertension and taking antihypertensive medications. Mr. AKINYEMI denied pain, discomfort, mental health or suicide attempt history. Mr. AKINYEMI stated that he did something he should not have done. He stated that he assaulted his daughter, had concerns about losing his family, and expressed an inability to cope emotionally or manage stress. The LPN informed Mr. AKINYEMI where to locate information on coping exercises, scheduled a mental health appointment for December 23, 2019, medically cleared him for general population, and provided a verbal order to continue his anti-hypertensive medications.

Synopsis of Death

• On December 21, 2019, at approximately 4:43 a.m., a WCJ correctional officer conducted his unit rounds where Mr. AKINYEMI was temporarily housed and confirmed that Mr. AKINYEMI was in bed.

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- O At approximately 5:03 a.m., a WCJ correctional officer conducted unit rounds and discovered Mr. AKINYEMI hanging with a sheet wrapped around his neck. The correctional officer immediately radioed the WCJ shift supervisor.
- At approximately 5:04 a.m., a WCJ supervisor arrived with the WCJ nurse, immediately cut down Mr. AKINYEMI, initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), activated emergency medical services (EMS), and applied the automatic external defibrillator, but no shock was advised.
- O At approximately 5:05 a.m., Snow Hill, MD, voluntary fire department and advanced life support EMS arrived at the scene, assumed care, observed Mr. AKINYEMI as unresponsive, not breathing, no palpable pulse, and cold to touch. The EMS personnel transferred Mr. AKINYEMI to their cardiac monitor, which revealed asystole (also known as flatline, a condition of cardiac arrest where there is no discernible electrical activity in the heart).
- At approximately 5:23 a.m., the EMS personnel contacted the on-call physician at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD, and requested orders to terminate CPR efforts. The on-call physician advised them to cease CPR efforts and pronounced Mr. AKINYEMI deceased.
- O At approximately 5:50 a.m., an LPN notified the on-call provider of Mr. AKINYEMI's death.