



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: OKPU, Frankline

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** June 10, 1986
- **Date of Death:** December 6, 2023
- **Age:** 37
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Cameroon
- **Marital Status:** N/A
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

On August 1, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection admitted Mr. OKPU to the United States at Chicago, Illinois, as a non-immigrant fiancé of a U.S. citizen.

On March 24, 2020, Mr. OKPU became a permanent resident.

On March 29, 2023, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Newark charged Mr. OKPU with removability pursuant to Sections 237(a)(2)(A)(i) and 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). On the same date, the Bureau of Prisons released Mr. OKPU to ERO Newark, and ERO detained Mr. OKPU at Moshannon Valley Processing Center (MVPC), in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

Criminal History

On May 25, 2021, the United States Southern District Court of Texas convicted Mr. OKPU of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and sentenced him to 36 months in prison.

Medical History

On March 29, 2023, Mr. OKPU's intake screening was completed by a registered nurse (RN) who cleared Mr. OKPU for general population (GP) placement and referred him to an advanced practice provider (APP).

On March 31, 2023, a physician completed Mr. OKPU's initial physical exam and documented denial of any past mental or medical health history, except for chronic back and left shoulder pain from a motor vehicle accident, and nasal congestion from allergies. The physician ordered routine labs and cleared him for GP.

Between April and December 2023, Mr. OKPU had several medical encounters and received care for complaints of nasal congestion, ankle injury, seasonal and skin allergies, and dental pain.



On December 4, 2023, at approximately 10:43 a.m., during a random cell search, Mr. OKPU assaulted an MVPC custody staff member, and he was transferred from GP to the special housing unit for safety and security pending a disciplinary hearing.

- **At approximately 11:38 a.m.**, during Mr. OKPU's segregation nursing assessment, custody staff reported Mr. OKPU may have ingested contraband K2 (synthetic marijuana) mixed with a tranquilizer. The RN notified a physician, who gave a verbal order to send Mr. OKPU to the emergency room for evaluation; however, Mr. OKPU refused and signed a refusal form. Consequently, the physician ordered fifteen-minute checks by custody staff. Custody staff documented fifteen-minute checks from December 4, 2023, at 11:10 a.m., to December 6, 2023, at 11:20 a.m., when a custody staff member documented Mr. OKPU was unresponsive.
- **At approximately 1:43 p.m.**, a licensed practical nurse completed Mr. OKPU's daily nursing rounds and noted he was awake, alert, oriented, and eating.

On December 5, 2023, at approximately 12:30 p.m., during daily nursing rounds, health and custody staff observed Mr. OKPU sleeping, breathing, and moving his legs.

On December 6, 2023, at approximately 11:14 a.m., during daily nursing rounds, custody and health staff discovered Mr. OKPU lying on his left side, unresponsive, and without a pulse. Health staff immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and simultaneously applied the automated external defibrillator [(AED); no shock recommended] on Mr. OKPU's chest.

- **At approximately 11:15 a.m.**, MVPC staff called 911 and requested emergency medical services (EMS).
- **At approximately 11:22 a.m.**, health staff administered naloxone (opioid reversal agent) 0.4 mg intranasally and continued CPR.
- **At approximately 11:25 a.m.**, health staff administered a second naloxone dose intranasally and continued CPR.
- **At approximately 11:30 a.m.**, health staff administered a third naloxone dose intranasally and continued CPR.
- **At approximately 11:36 a.m.**, EMS personnel arrived at MVPC.
- **At approximately 11:38 a.m.**, EMS personnel assumed Mr. OKPU's care, continued CPR, and administered advanced cardiac life support medication (epinephrine).
- **At approximately 12:02 p.m.**, the EMS personnel's supervising physician instructed the personnel to cease all life-saving measures and declare Mr. OKPU deceased.

The final autopsy report revealed Mr. OKPU's cause of death was MDMA (ecstasy) toxicity with the following other significant conditions: atherosclerotic coronary artery disease (narrowing of the arteries that deliver blood to the heart), mild cardiomegaly (heart enlargement), and diminutive (severe narrowing) right coronary artery. The coroner determined the manner of death was accidental.