

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 114 of 2009
Section 305
Prisoner Suicide Report

This report provides information as requested in Section 305 of PA 114 of 2009 regarding prisoners who committed suicide during the previous calendar year (January 1 - December 31, 2009). In order to protect confidentiality, the data is being provided in summary by section rather than in table format specific to each prisoner.

(a) The prisoner's age, offense, sentence, and admission date.

- Age - Prisoners' ages were; 25 yrs., 45 yrs., 45 yrs., 33 yrs., 67 yrs., and 45 yrs.
- Offense- Armed Robbery 4th degree; Accessory to Murder; Bank Robbery 4th degree; CSC 1st degree; False Bomb Threat/Terrorism; and Murder 2nd degree
- Sentences 73-110 yrs., 10-30 yrs., 4 yrs 9 mo – 40 yrs., 1 yr 11 mo -5 yrs., 15-60 yrs., and 25-50 yrs.
- Admission Dates: November 1991, October 2002, September 2006, November 2007, January 2006, and February 2007.

(b) Each prisoner's facility and unit.

- Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility (IBC) 1-108
- Kinross Correctional Facility (KCF) C-3-95
- Parnall Correctional Facility (SMT) 20-B-9
- Saginaw Correctional Facility (SRF) 6-128
- Brooks Correctional Facility (LRF) C-069-B
- Macomb Correctional Facility (MRF) 4-59-B

(c) Circumstances

- All six deaths resulted from hanging

(d) The dates of the suicide.

- Of the six cases, two of the deaths occurred in January, one in February, one in June, one in September, and one in November.

(e) Whether the suicide occurred in a housing unit, a segregation unit, a mental health unit, or elsewhere on the grounds of the facility.

- For the six cases, two of the deaths occurred in a community hospital and four were in a general population housing unit. Of the two deaths that occurred in a community hospital, one suicide occurred in Administrative Segregation and the second one in general population.

(f) Whether the prisoner had been denied parole and the date of any denial.

- Of the six cases, there were two parole denials. One occurred in August 2009 and the other in November 2009. Of the two cases that were denied parole is was approximately two and half months from the parole denial to the suicide. Of the other four cases that were not eligible for parole, one case was not eligible until 2021, one not eligible until 2064, one not eligible until 2032 and the last case was not eligible until 2012.

(g) Whether the prisoner had received a mental health evaluation or assessment.

- None of the six individuals who committed suicide in 2009 were evaluated expressly for suicidal risk immediately prior to their deaths. Four of the six individuals were seen for other reasons by mental health professionals within one month of death. One individual was seen approximately two months prior to suicide for other mental health issues. One individual had not had a mental health contact in the previous two years.

(h) Details on the department's responses to each suicide, including immediate on-site responses and subsequent internal investigations.

- In all six cases emergency medical response was immediately initiated by custody staff upon discovery of prisoner and recognition of the suicide attempt. Facility health care were immediately notified, and in all cases responded to the emergency. In each case, local emergency medical services were also contacted and responded to the facility. In four cases, prisoners were pronounced dead at the site. In two cases, prisoners were transported to hospitals.
- All six cases were the subject of critical incident reports and reviews at the local level and Central Office CFA administrative level. Each case underwent mortality review at the Regional Health Care level and the Statewide Mortality Review Committee level. One case was reviewed by the Quality Assurance Office.

(i) A description of any monitoring and psychiatric interventions that had been undertaken prior to the prisoner's suicide, including any changes in placement or mental health care.

- Of the six cases, three were on the Corrections Mental Health Program Support Services (CMHPSS) caseloads. All three received psychotropic medication. Two were seen minimally monthly, and one was on a ninety day medication review status. One prisoner was treated by Psychological Services for two months prior to his death. Two were not receiving any type of mental health services prior to their suicides.

(j) Whether the prisoner had previously attempted suicide.

- Four prisoners had no history of suicide attempts. Two had histories of prior attempts more than two years earlier.