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ECBAWM Files Petition Seeking Evidence in Homicide of Incarcerated Man at Fishkill Correctional Facility

Ameek Nixon, Just 39, Died in DOCCS Custody Last October Under Disturbing and Unexplained Circumstances

Filing Seeks Autopsy Materials, Photographs, and Additional Records to Determine Whether Correctional Officers Played a Role in His Killing

(ORANGE COUNTY, NY) - Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP (ECBAWM) [filed a petition](#) in New York State Supreme Court on behalf of Laurie Willis, the mother of Ameek Nixon—a former Albany native—seeking court-ordered pre-action discovery and preservation of evidence following the [highly suspicious death of her son](#) while in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at Fishkill Correctional Facility.

Nixon's death—ruled a homicide by the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office—occurred after a reported altercation with corrections officers and bears disturbing similarities to other high-profile cases, including the deaths of Robert Brooks and Messiah Nantwi, in which incarcerated people died following brutal uses of force by guards. The petition is a key step in a broader investigation into whether correctional officers fatally assaulted Mr. Nixon and then attempted to cover up their role in his death.

The petition asks the court to order the Orange County Medical Examiner's Office to produce and preserve medical records, tissue samples, autopsy photographs, investigative files, and other critical evidence related to Nixon's death, which is necessary for a forensic pathologist to identify those responsible.

It is believed that Mr. Nixon was involved in two physical altercations in the hours before his death—one with another incarcerated person and another with corrections officers (COs). The cause of death was cited as cardiac arrest following these altercations.

Multiple witnesses reported that COs used force when breaking up the altercation between Mr. Nixon and another incarcerated individual. After separating the two, the COs slammed Mr. Nixon to the ground, held him down, struck his head with a knee, and slammed him against a counter, according to witnesses.

Mr. Nixon was transported by COs to the prison medical unit, where he was found to be unresponsive. He was then taken by ambulance to Montefiore St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh, New York, where he was pronounced dead.

Despite being equipped with body-worn cameras, no COs had their cameras activated during the incident, according to the New York State Police, who investigated the case but could not determine which actions directly led to Nixon's death.

"This petition is a crucial first step in uncovering the truth about whether corrections officers played a direct role in Ameer Nixon's death—and in holding anyone involved fully accountable," said **Debra Greenberger, Partner at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP**. "To date, Mr. Nixon's grieving family has received no answers regarding the circumstances of his death, and the complete absence of body-worn camera footage only deepens their concerns and raises serious questions. We are honored to stand with this family in their pursuit of justice and to demand accountability for the young life that was taken from them."

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