

STATE OF NEW YORK : COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
OFFICE OF THE CORONER

MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

<u>Calls</u>	<u>Posts</u>	<u>Natural</u>	<u>Accident</u>	<u>Suicide</u>	<u>OD</u>	<u>Pending</u>
20	5	14	5	1	0	0

1. Happy to announce the addition of Doctor Michelle Slone, our newest Forensic Pathologist. She is an absolute pleasure to work with.
2. Our industry has once again been alerted to a new synthetic opiate surfacing out of the state of Tennessee known as "CYCHLORPHINE". Authorities say the drug has been detected primarily in cases where other substances were present including methamphetamine and fentanyl. What we do know is that the drug is more powerful than fentanyl and that Narcan does not completely block the effects of the drug and multiple doses may be needed to prevent an overdose.
3. With the summer season approaching, we once again find our call volume increasing. We have seen an increase in motor vehicle accident deaths and other tragic cases requiring extensive investigations from our office and our police agencies. This leads me to raise the issue of the ongoing discussions regarding upgrading our morgue conditions.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Coroner's Office has been neglected for more than three decades. The increase in our population and tragic incidents dictates this upgrade. We found ourselves behind the 8-Ball last year with the failing refrigeration units in the morgue and overflow of the deceased having our security staff rotate bodies in and out of the coolers. It is a disgrace, demeaning to the families, and totally unprofessional. It is imperative that our Administration, this legislature, and my office sit down with the hospital CEO and settle this matter once and for all. There are some logistical things and monetary issues that need to be addressed. Money is found to support projects not deemed emergent; yet the little amount of money needed to fund this critical issue is being neglected. I'm asking for your immediate attention to resolve this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sullivan County Coroner & Department Liaison