



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: GANTCHEV, Nenko Stanev

Immigration History

Mr. GANTCHEV, a 56-year-old male citizen of Bulgaria, was arrested on September 23, 2025, pursuant to a Warrant of Arrest and was transferred the following day to the North Lake Correctional Facility (NLCF) pending removal proceedings.

Synopsis of Events

Mr. GANTCHEV entered custody with a history of hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and daily alcohol use. At intake, medical staff documented elevated blood glucose and continued his existing medication regimen, including antihypertensives, cholesterol-lowering agents, and diabetes medications. He received ongoing monitoring, including regular assessments by advanced practice providers and physicians, lab work, EKGs, and referrals for cardiology consultation and echocardiogram based on abnormal cardiac findings.

Throughout his detention, medical staff addressed Mr. GANTCHEV's frequent medication refusals with education and counseling about the risks of noncompliance. His condition was monitored, and medications were adjusted in response to lab results and symptoms. Providers responded to his complaints of dizziness, congestion, and fatigue with appropriate evaluations and treatments, and coordinated specialty care as needed.

On December 15, 2025, Mr. GANTCHEV was found unresponsive in his cell during a facility count. Medical staff responded within minutes, observed agonal breathing and cyanosis, and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) use. Emergency medical services (EMS) personnel arrived promptly, applied a mechanical chest compression device, administered advanced cardiac life support medications, and continued resuscitation efforts for nearly 30 minutes. Despite these interventions, Mr. GANTCHEV did not regain consciousness and was pronounced deceased later that evening.