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In accordance with Mayor Sean Ryan's commitment to transparency, Buffalo Police would like to provide context regarding the circumstances of Nurul Amin Shah Alam's death.

NURUL AMIN SHAH ALAM INCIDENT TIMELINE

Report Date: 2/26/2026

2/15/25 (Saturday) 10:25 AM – Suspicious Person Call

Location – Tonawanda Street

Incident Number (CD#) – 25-0460361

911 Call (10:25 AM) – See female regarding unknown male in her yard took her dog

Disposition – Shah Alam Arrested (Arrest #289760 | Assault)

On the above date and time, Nurul Amin Shah Alam (DOB: 01/01/1970), described as an Asian male, 5'4", 150 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, unlawfully entered a fenced rear yard at an address on Tonawanda Street. While on the property, he damaged a shed door (estimated \$200 in damage) and allowed the homeowner's dog to escape through an open gate.

Upon arrival, responding officers observed Shah Alam inside the yard holding two long black poles. Officers issued multiple verbal commands directing him to drop the objects, he refused and continued to advance toward them.

Officers deployed their department-issued tasers at separate times, neither deployment was effective. Officers then physically engaged Shah Alam in order to take him into custody. During the struggle, Shah Alam bit one officer on the left forearm, breaking the skin through the uniform shirt, and bit a second officer on the left hand, also breaking the skin.

One officer sustained additional injuries including a scratch to the left side of the face, lacerations to both hands, swelling to the left hand, pain and swelling to the left forehead and jaw area, and a bruise to the left leg below the knee. The second officer sustained lacerations to the left hand.

Additional officers arrived on scene and assisted in securing Shah Alam in handcuffs.

Officers reported that Shah Alam smelled of alcohol during the incident. Both officers were transported to ECMC for medical evaluation and treatment. Shah Alam was transported by ambulance to ECMC for evaluation.



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Charges: *Assault 2nd (PL 120.05-03) x2, Menacing 2nd - Weapon (PL 120.14-01) x2, Criminal Possession of Weapon w/Intent to Use (PL 265.01-02) x2, Criminal Trespass 3rd (PL 140.10-0A), Criminal Mischief (PL 145.00-01), Resisting Arrest (PL 205.30), Obstruct Governmental Administration 2nd (PL 195.05-01)*

02/19/2026 (Thursday) 5:25 PM — Released from Erie County Holding Center

Location – *Erie County Holding Center, 40 Delaware Avenue*

Deputies at the Erie County Holding Center release Shah Alam (as later reported to BPD).

02/22/2026 (Sunday) 2:33 PM — Missing Person Report Filed

Location: *695 Main Street (B District Station)*

Incident Number (CD#) – 26-0530500

Attorney Benjamin Macaluso with the Legal Aid Bureau reported his client missing at B District Station. The attorney reported to officers that the individual had been arrested on February 15, 2025*, held at the Erie County Holding Center until February 19, 2026, and then released to federal authorities. Shah Alam has no identification at time of release.

The attorney stated he was unable to confirm his client's current location despite contacting federal authorities. Based on this, a Missing Person Report was submitted and an entry in eJustice portal completed.

*Original report filed by officers listed the year incorrectly as 2026

02/23/2026 (Monday) 12:29 PM — Supplement #1: Federal Custody

Incident Number (CD#) – 26-0530500

Based on information from the missing person report, the assigned detective initiated an investigation. During the course of his investigation, information was obtained that led the detective to believe that the missing person was in the custody of federal authorities. The Buffalo Police Department updated the status of the case to "Closed" within the Department's internal case management system.

It is important to clarify that closing a case in the Department's local case management system is an administrative action reflecting that the individual's whereabouts were believed to be known. However, the missing person entry in state and national law enforcement databases remained active and continued to reflect a status of "Missing." This ensures that any law enforcement agency encountering the individual would receive a notification that he had previously been reported missing.



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The assigned detective contacted the reporting party, who is the missing person's assigned legal counsel, and left a voicemail advising that the individual was believed to be in law enforcement custody and that the Department's internal case status would be updated accordingly.

02/23/2026 (Monday) 4:05 PM — Supplement #2: Case Re-Opened

Incident Number (CD#) – 26-0530500

The assigned detective received subsequent information that the initial report was inaccurate and the missing person was not in custody of federal authorities. Upon receiving this updated information, the detective immediately reopened the case in the Department's case management system and resumed the investigation.

02/24/2026 (Tuesday) 7:45 AM – Missing Person Information Posted

Assigned detective completed issuance of a Be On the Look Out (BOLO) notice and social media post (with permission of family).

02/24/2026 (Tuesday) 12:00 AM - 12:00 PM – Area Canvassed by Detectives

Investigators developed a former address for the missing person and directed D District officers to attempt contact. Officers spoke with a neighbor, who stated the family had not lived there for approximately one year and provided contact information for the missing person's son.

Detectives contacted the son, who stated the last contact with his father was on February 19, 2026, while he was at the Erie County Holding Center. The son indicated he understood that his father had been released to federal authorities. Based on this, detectives were able to ascertain information that the individual was driven to the Tim Hortons at 2207 Niagara Street.

Detectives checked local hospitals and shelters as well as canvassed the surrounding neighborhood, distributing copies of the BOLO and speaking with employees at nearby stores and markets, including Tim Hortons at 2207 Niagara Street. The BOLO was forwarded to NFTA Transit Police, who replied that officers at the downtown bus station were already in possession and aware.



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02/24/2026 (Tuesday) 8:29 PM — *Dead Body Reported*

Location – 56 Perry St, Buffalo

Incident Number (CD#) – 26-0550900

Reported: 8:29 PM

A passerby called 911 to report an unresponsive male wearing a dark parka and khaki pants who appeared not to be breathing, with his hands described as gray in color.

The female informed responding officers that she observed the male moving at approximately 5:30 PM. When she passed by the location again at approximately 8:30 PM, she observed that he was no longer moving, at which time 911 was contacted.

Buffalo Fire Department personnel initiated chest compressions, and Buffalo Police officers administered Narcan. AMR responded to the scene and subsequently pronounced the male deceased. Buffalo Police Department cameras in the area had been offline since February 19, 2026, due to prior criminal mischief to infrastructure that supports the camera network.

02/25/2026 (Wednesday) 10:00 AM — *Medical Examiner Confirms Identity via X-Ray*

Incident Number (CD#) – 26-0550900

The Erie County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed the identity of the decedent via X-ray comparison at approximately 10:00 a.m. The family was notified by telephone at approximately 10:10 a.m. by the Medical Examiner's Office. Homicide detectives who were present at the autopsy conducted by the Medical Examiner took notes of the preliminary findings. A final, official ruling on the cause of death will be released by the Medical Examiner's office.

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