



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: CHERNYAK, Maksym

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** August 27, 1980
- **Date of Death:** February 20, 2025
- **Age:** 44
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Ukraine
- **Marital Status:** N/A
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

On June 20, 2024, a sponsor filed an application with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on behalf of Mr. CHERNYAK as the beneficiary. The application was approved on June 28, 2024.

On August 24, 2024, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection paroled Mr. CHERNYAK into the United States at Miami, FL.

On January 26, 2025, Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO) Miami encountered Mr. CHERNYAK at Broward County Jail (BCJ), in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and lodged an Immigration Detainer, Form I-247.

On February 2, 2025, BCJ released Mr. CHERNYAK to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody at Krome Service and Processing Center (KSPC), in Miami, FL. On the same date, Mr. CHERNYAK was issued Notice to Appear, Form I-862, charging him as removable from the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Criminal History

On January 26, 2025, Mr. CHERNYAK was arrested and detained at BCJ, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, for battery with bodily harm (Felony 2nd Degree).

Synopsis of Events

On February 3, 2025, a registered nurse (RN) completed Mr. CHERNYAK's medical intake screening and noted negative history of any medical conditions, illicit drug use, or hospitalizations. The RN documented a normal physical exam and vital signs, except for a slightly elevated blood pressure.

On February 9, 2025, an RN evaluated Mr. CHERNYAK for a cough with nasal congestion that began the previous day. The RN documented Mr. CHERNYAK denied other symptoms, had a normal physical exam and normal vital signs, except for a slightly elevated blood pressure. Mr. CHERNYAK was treated and told to return to the clinic if symptoms worsened.

On February 15, 2025, an RN evaluated Mr. CHERNYAK for a dry cough and nasal congestion for the last five days. Mr. CHERNYAK denied any other symptoms, had a normal physical exam and normal vital signs, except a slightly elevated blood pressure. Mr. CHERNYAK was treated again and told to return to the clinic if symptoms worsened.



On February 18, 2025, at 2:32 a.m., an RN responded to a medical emergency for seizure-like activity and observed Mr. CHERNYAK vomiting and shaking. The RN noted Mr. CHERNYAK appeared intoxicated, diaphoretic, uncoordinated, and intermittently unresponsive, had dilated equal but nonreactive pupils, normal oxygen saturation, and an elevated blood sugar reading. Mr. CHERNYAK was transported to the medical clinic, and medical staff performed an electrocardiogram (results abnormal) and noted his vital signs were within normal limits. An advanced practice provider (APP) ordered a transfer to the emergency room via American Medical Response transportation (non-emergency, medical transport).

- **At 3:00 a.m.**, Mr. CHERNYAK had a seizure, his pupils became unequal and nonreactive, followed by five additional seizures spaced three to five minutes apart. The RN and KSPC medical staff contacted 911, notified the APP of Mr. CHERNYAK's change in status, placed him in the recovery position, suctioned his mouth, and administered oxygen. The RN documented Mr. CHERNYAK continued to vomit, with a mild amount of blood, in a postictal state.

Emergency medical services (EMS) arrived, assumed care of Mr. CHERNYAK, gave him one dose of naloxone, and transported him to Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) Florida Kendall Hospital in Miami, FL, with his condition unchanged.

- **At approximately 9:00 a.m.**, HCA Florida Kendall hospital staff reported Mr. CHERNYAK's brain computed tomography results indicated a possible hemorrhagic stroke, his condition was critical, intubated, and possibly pending a craniotomy. Hospital staff reported Mr. CHERNYAK had an elevated blood pressure and received IV medication to stabilize his condition.
- **At approximately 3:00 p.m.**, hospital staff inserted an intracranial pressure device and placed Mr. CHERNYAK on a brain death protocol.

On February 19 and 20, 2025, hospital staff reported Mr. CHERNYAK's neurological condition continued to decline, and his blood pressure became unstable.

On February 20, 2025, hospital staff pronounced Mr. CHERNYAK deceased at 2:25 p.m.