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Abraham Roosevelt, left, and Jamar Daniels live in a neighborhood off of south Tryon Street that has seen one of the steepest increases in property tax. Roosevelt is unsure of the exact amount of his increase but plans to file an appeal to Mecklenburg County Assessors Office when he receives his property revaluation.

'Nobody helped,' says witness who watched man die in jail

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Abdou Bah didn't know who Bryon Miller was, but in Miller's last moments he did his best to save his life.

While the men were in their bunks in the early morning hours of Jan. 18, Miller started gasping for air, Bah said, accompanied by his attorney, in a recent interview with The Charlotte Observer.

Bah, 35, says he and others in the jail alerted multiple corrections officers that Miller was having a medical emergency.

"Nobody helped me, they wouldn't even come inside," Bah said.

Miller, 49, is the sixth person to die since January 2022 at the Mecklenburg County jail.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the State Bureau of Investigation investigated each death. In all but one case, with Miller's still pending, inspectors said officers failed to properly observe those in custody and found violations of state law.

Over the past decade, deaths in North Carolina jails have skyrocketed, going from 17 in 2011 to 76 in 2021, according to DHHS data.

Jail officials said in a statement Miller died of a medical emergency, but his exact cause of death and other details haven't been made public. An autopsy and investigative report are pending. It's not clear whether recently reported staffing struggles contributed to the response in Miller's case.

Mecklenburg County Sheriff

Steepest revaluations hit low-income neighborhoods

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The value of Abraham Roosevelt's home off South Tryon Street never went far above \$100,000 in the five decades he's owned it.

But in 2023, the tax value of his Sarah Drive home skyrocketed

220%.

He's not looking forward to his tax bill this summer, which will be based on an assessed value of nearly \$316,000, new county data show.

"I knew it would go up, but not by that much," Roosevelt said.

Roosevelt's home wasn't the steepest increase on his street. The average home on Sarah

Drive increased 264%.

Data analyzed by The Charlotte Observer show lower-value homes saw the steepest increases in taxable value since Mecklenburg County's last tax revaluation in 2019 — and that's expected to be translated onto tax bills. The county sent out revaluation notices this month to hundreds of thousands of Mecklenburg property

owners for the 2023 revaluation. Nearly all of them saw an increase of their assessed value.

Jamar Daniels, Roosevelt's neighbor on adjacent West Cama Street, isn't surprised.

"Ever since those big things showed up, those condos, things are getting more expen-

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Ready to live: Charlotte woman once in prison defies the odds

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Last September when Shaheedah Jackson's vision started to blur, she thought it was a sign of age.

The 44-year-old had survived 17 years in prison — including time at The Center for Community Transitions. She was ready to begin again with plans to start

a business.

But as she completed the Charlotte-based nonprofit's reentry program, she was hit with a crushing diagnosis.

"It was a large pituitary tumor in my brain," says Jackson. "By the end of November, I was legally blind."

With the odds already stacked against Jackson, a tumor understandably could have slowed her progress — and the naysayers

already had counted her out.

Jackson, relying on faith and grit, was determined not "to be defeated," and become another statistic, she said.

Jackson made the most of resources at the CCT including the Center for Women, a contract work release program for state female offenders. The thirty-bed facility in Charlotte is

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Shaheedah Jackson, left, wipes the tears away as her husband, Steve, talks about her in Charlotte on March 22.



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