

# Florida Department of Corrections



## Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST  
CASE # 15-20443**



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**Case Number:** 15-20443

**OIG Inspector:** Inspector Ken Futch

**Outside Agency:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**Outside Agency Investigator:** Special Agent Barry Hatton

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** September 2, 2015

**Complaint Against:** Inmate Roger Bunger #507943

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** Northwest Florida Reception Center

**Complainant:** Inmate Jackie Jenkins #317552 (deceased)

**Outside Agency Case #:** PE-37-0026

**Use of Force Number:** N/A

**PREA Number:** N/A

**Classification of Incident:** Homicide

**Confidential Medical Information Included:**  Yes  No

**Whistle-Blower Investigation:**  Yes  No

**Chief Inspector General Case Number:** N/A



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**I. AUTHORITY**

The Florida Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General, by designation of the Secretary and § 944.31, Florida Statutes, is authorized to conduct any criminal investigation that occurs on property owned or leased by the department or involves matters over which the department has jurisdiction.

The testimony references included in this report are summations of oral or written statements provided to inspectors. Statements contained herein do not necessarily represent complete or certified transcribed testimony, except as noted. Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all interviews with witnesses, complainants, and subjects were audio or video recorded.

**II. METHODOLOGY**

The investigation reviewed the derivations of the allegation advanced by the complainant. The scope of this investigation does not seek to specifically address tort(s), but violations of criminal statutes. The criterion used to evaluate each contention or allegation was limited to the following standard of analysis:

1. Did the subject's action or behavior violate Florida criminal statutes?

**III. ANALYSIS**

The standard and analysis in this investigation is predicated with the burden of proving any violation of law, established by probable cause. The evidence considered for analysis is confined to the facts and allegations stated or reasonably implied. The actions or behavior of the subject are presumed to be lawful and in compliance with the applicable Florida law, unless probable cause indicates the contrary.



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#### **IV. DEFINITIONS**

**Unfounded:**

Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause does not exist to suggest the suspect's behavior or action occurred nor is an arrest or formal charge being initiated.

**Closed by Arrest:**

Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause exists that an identified subject committed the offense and one for which an arrest or formal prosecution has been initiated.

**Exceptionally Cleared:**

Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause exists that an identified suspect committed the offense, but one for which an arrest or formal charge is not initiated, or in the case of a death investigation, one for which no evidence exists that the death was the result of a crime or neglect.

**Open-Inactive:**

Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which a criminal investigation commenced, but where evidence is insufficient to close as unfounded, closed by arrest, or exceptionally cleared.

**Investigative Assist Closed**

Refers to a disposition of an investigative assist, where the conduct being investigated by the outside agency did not concern allegations against a Department employee, contractor, inmate, offender, or other person either employed or under the supervision of the Department.



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**V. PREDICATE**

On or about August 29, 2015, the Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General received notification Inmate Jackie Jenkins #317552 was discovered deceased by Sergeant Elias Foskey after Inmate Roger Bunger #507943 confessed to the killing during the early morning hours of August 29, 2015, at the Northwest Florida Reception Center. Based on the information, Inspector Ken Futch responded and was assigned an investigative assist on September 2, 2015, to render assistance to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE.)

**VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

Based on the exhibits, witnesses' testimony, suspect inmate's statement, and the record as a whole, presented or available to the primary inspector, the following findings of facts were determined:

On August 29, 2015, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was notified by the Department of Corrections regarding an inmate death occurred at the Northwest Florida Reception Center, located at 4455 Sam Mitchell Drive, Chipley, Florida 32428. Initial information relayed was an inmate approached an officer during breakfast and confessed to having killed his cellmate earlier in the morning. The cellmate, Inmate Jackie Jenkins, was found dead in his cell. The suspect, Inmate Roger D. Bunger, was placed in confinement by correctional officers.

Inmates Jenkins and Bunger were cell mates and occupied cell #113, Dormitory F-2.

Video surveillance of the prison cell showed both Inmates Jenkins and Bunger entered the cell on August 28, 2015. The cell door was locked and not opened until the morning of August 29, 2015. Once the cell door was opened on August 29, 2015, Inmate Bunger was observed walking out of the cell and ultimately going to breakfast. The video recordings confirmed no other person entered the cell.

Inmate Bunger was interviewed by SA Travis Lawson, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, on September 3, 2015. In a post-Miranda statement, Inmate Bunger confessed to killing Inmate Jenkins. Inmate Bunger told SA Lawson he (Bunger) had strangled Inmate Jenkins with a clothes line.

The medical examiner's office conducted the autopsy of the body and reported the cause of death: [REDACTED], the manner: Homicide.

**Inspector's Note:** *The FDLE investigative summary report is attached to this report.*

*This investigation found no violations of Florida Administrative Code or Department of Corrections Procedures.*



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**VII. CHARGES**

- Violation of 782.04(2), Florida Statute, The unlawful killing of a human being, when perpetrated by any act imminently dangerous to another and evincing a depraved mind regardless of human life, although without any premeditated design to effect the death of any particular individual, is murder in the second degree and constitutes a felony of the first degree, punishable by imprisonment for a term of years not exceeding life.

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Barry Hatton the allegation against Inmate Roger Bunger for **Murder, in violation of 782.04(2) Florida Statute**, be termed as follows:

- Closed by Outside Agency Arrest