

Florida Department of Corrections



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**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 17-13255**



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INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 17-13255

OIG Inspector: Inspector Kenneth Smith

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Jeff Nordberg

Date Assigned or Initiated: 06-30-2017

Complaint Against: Inmate Eugene Roman DC#390127

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: Reception and Medical Center

Complainant: Officer Jesse Mallard

Outside Agency Case #: JA-37-0131

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Inmate Death (Suicide)

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 July 26, 2017, at approximately 7:00 AM, Reception and Medical Center Inmate Eugene Roman DC#390127 was pronounced deceased [REDACTED] while housed alone in confinement cell K2121. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EAC was notified as 7:10 AM. FDLE was notified and Special Agent Jeff Nordberg responded to RMC and conducted his investigation. This information was entered into MINS#795088 on July 28, 2017 and assigned as Investigative Assist 17-13255 to Inspector Kenneth Smith on June 30, 2017. FDLE Case #JA-37-0131 was initiated on July 26, 2017.

VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

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

Upon this inspector's arrival at RMC on July 26, 2017, at approximately 8:00 AM, Inmate Roman's body was located [REDACTED] RMC. FDLE Special Agent Jeff Nordberg was contacted by telephone and he approved this inspector to take pictures of Roman's body.

On July 26, 2017, at approximately 10:15 AM, FDLE Special Agent Jeff Nordberg arrived at RMC and began his investigation.

In an Incident Report submitted by K-dorm Officer Jesse Mallard, he indicated he was conducting a security of wing 2 in K-dorm. He approached cell K2121, which solely housed Inmate Roman and discovered him [REDACTED]. Mallard called for assistance and entry to the cell was made once adequate staff arrived cell front. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RMC where he was pronounced deceased [REDACTED]. Crime scene logs were initiated on cell K2121 [REDACTED].

FDLE Special Agent Jeff Nordberg was contacted and he indicated the case is closed. Nordberg indicated the following in the final report by FDLE:

On July 26, 2017, at approximately 0745 hours, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Intelligence Watch and Warning Desk (IWW) was notified by Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) Inspector Dennis McIntosh about the death of DOC Inmate Eugene S Roman, DOC # 390127. Roman was an inmate in a confinement cell at North Florida Reception Medical Center (RMC) in Lake Butler, Florida. The purpose of this Investigative Report is to document the closing of the investigation.

On October 30, 2017, FDLE received the final autopsy report on the death of Roman. The manner of death was ruled as a suicide. FDLE has completed the investigation of this incident and concur with the ruling of the death as suicide. This case will be closed.



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On July 27, 2017, Gainesville Medical Examiner William Hamilton submitted the final autopsy report for Inmate Roman. Doctor Hamilton listed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Manner of Death was listed as Suicide.

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

1. N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of Inspector Kenneth Smith this case be closed. FDLE's investigation and the Gainesville Medical Examiner listed Inmate Roman's death as Suicide.

Inspector Smith reviewed the investigation completed by FDLE, and administrative issues were identified. The administrative issues will be addressed in IG Case 17-22620.