Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST CASE # 15-5031



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 15-5031

OIG Inspector: Inspector Scott Thomas

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Tom Bacon

Date Assigned or Initiated: 04-02-2015

Complaint Against: Davis, Julis #049655

Location of Incident - Institution/Facility/Office: Martin Correctional Institution

Complainant: Captain Charles Martens

Outside Agency Case #: OR-73-1810 Use of Force Number: NA PREA Number: NA

Classification of Incident: Inmate Death Natural

Confidential Medical Information Included: X Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes X No

Chief Inspector General Case Number: NA





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.





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.





V. PREDICATE

On April 2, 2015, the Office of Inspector General received information that on April 1, 2015, Inmate Davis, Julis #049655 was discovered by security staff **and the security** inside his cell. **The security** was alerted and

was activated, subsequently inmate Davis was pronounced deceased by . On April 2 2015, this incident was assigned as an investigative assist to

Inspector Scott Thomas.

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:

This is an investigative assist to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Case OR73-1810

On April 3, 2015, at the request of Special Agent Tom Bacon this inspector provided him with copies of the Control Room Logs of Housing Unit Bravo. Also assistance in the scheduling of various staff and inmate interviews was provided.

According to the report of Autopsy completed by District Nineteen Chief Medical Examiner Roger Mittleman, Inmate Davis, Julis # 049655 manner of death was from natural causes. The cause of death was

Special Agent Tom Bacon has completed his investigative report and provided a copy of the same. Per Special Agent Bacon his investigation is closed as Inmate Davis' death was determined to be the result of natural causes.

VII. CHARGES

NA

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the Florida Department of Law Enforcements investigative findings that Inmate Davis, Julis' #049655 death was determined to be the result of natural causes and therefore exceptionally cleared. This investigative assist is closed.

There are no administrative violations relative to this investigation.

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