Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST CASE # 14-14826





INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT

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OIG Inspector: Inspector Scott Thomas

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Kevin Kulp

Date Assigned or Initiated: 11/24/2014

Complaint Against: Boshears, William #066339

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

Complainant: Lieutenant Samantha Torres

Outside Agency Case #: OR37-0017

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

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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 November 14, 2014, the Office of Inspector General received information that on November 6, 2014, Inmate William Boshears DC# 066339 was a line of the property of the Inmate of Inmate		
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 OR37-0017		
On November 6, 2014, this inspector escorted special agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as well as crime scene deputies from the Martin County Sheriff's Office to Inmate Boshears' cell Housing Unit G2110 to process the crime scene.		
On November 6, 2014, this inspector coordinated various staff interviews with special agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.		
According to the Report of Autopsy completed by Roger Mittleman Chief Medical Examiner District Nineteen on Inmate William Boshears DC# 066339 manner of death was from Natural Causes. The cause of death was noted as the following:		
Special Agent Kevin Kulp has completed his investigative report and provided a copy of the same; the final report is attached. Per Special Agent Kulp his investigation is closed as Inmate Boshears' death was determined to be the result of causes.		
VII. Charges		
NA		
VIII. CONCLUSION		
Based on the Florida Department of Law Enforcements investigative findings that Inmate William Boshears DC# 066339 death was determined to be the result of causes. This investigative assist is closed		

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There are no administrative violations relative to this investigation.