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Office of the Inspector General

Case Number: 12-4-3912



“I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss.112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.”

“Furthermore, under penalties of perjury, I declare I have read the attached report and the contents of the report are true and accurate based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief.”



Inspectors Signature

9/28/12
Date



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Inspector General Case #: 12-4-3912

Facility: Dade Correctional Institution

Classification of Incident: ██████████ (Inmate)

Field Office/Region: Ft. Lauderdale/4S

Incident Date: 7/19/12

Time: 6:08 pm

Inspector: Frank Lewis

Date of Report: 9/28/12

Case Type: A

- Case of Special Interest
- Confidential ██████████
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Number (if applicable)
- Department of Corrections presented to State Attorney Declined Accepted
- Use of Force (UOF) Number (if applicable)
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Addendum
- Wing Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

Upon responding to Dade Correctional Institution in reference to ██████████ involving Inmate Darrell Whitfield, ██████████ pronounced the inmate deceased. This incident was reported via MINS on July 19, 2012 and assigned for investigation on July 20, 2012.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

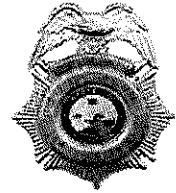
Miami Dade Police Department is investigating this incident and that agency's death investigation report will be included in this case file upon receipt.

The Miami Dade Medical Examiner Department determined that the Manner of Death was Accident and the Cause of Death was ██████████

There were no administrative issues found.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
Complainant:	Hightower, Shineatha	[REDACTED]	11/24 [REDACTED]	44782
Victim:	Whitfield, Darrell	084742	5/16 [REDACTED]	
Witness(es):	Chapman, Sean	Officer	3/23 [REDACTED]	32607
	Jackson, Denise	[REDACTED]	3/15 [REDACTED]	37713
	Gomez, Leonardo	Y26157	2/25 [REDACTED]	
Subject(s):	Whitfield, Darrell	084742	5/16 [REDACTED]	

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony Misdemeanor Date of Arrest: Date Reported:

Final Court Action(s):

Other Agency Case Number: Miami Dade Police Department Case #PD120719274821; Miami Dade Medical Examiner Department Case #2012-01691

FINDINGS:

In his Incident Report dated July 19, 2012, Officer Sean Chapman indicated the following:

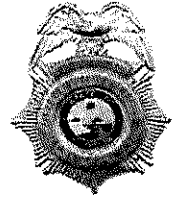
At approximately 6:08pm, he responded to [REDACTED] inside H-dormitory wing 3. Upon his arrival to cell H3-107, he observed Inmate Whitefield [REDACTED] a locker with [REDACTED] and the inmate was [REDACTED]. Upon [REDACTED] arriving to the scene, Inmate Whitfield was [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-1)

In their Incident Reports dated July 19, 2012, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

At approximately 6:13pm, they arrived to cell H3-107 and observed Inmate Whitfield sitting on his locker, slumped over and [REDACTED]. The inmate was [REDACTED]. At the [REDACTED] was placed on the inmate. At



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approximately 6:32pm, [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Whitfield deceased.

(Exhibits A-2 & A-3)

In his witness statement dated July 19, 2012, translated by Inspector George Montenegro, Inmate Leonardo Gomez indicated the following:

He and Inmate Whitfield were cell mates in cell H3-107. When he and Inmate Whitfield returned to dormitory from eating, he watched television in the dayroom and Inmate Whitfield went to their cell. Approximately 5-7 minutes later, he went to their cell and saw Inmate Whitfield sitting on the locker with [REDACTED]. After Inmate Whitfield did not respond to his calls, he called his friend Mike who works in the laundry. Mike entered the room and after Inmate Whitfield did not respond to Mike's calls, Mike notified Officer Chapman. [REDACTED]
 Inmate Whitfield [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A-4)

According to Inmate Whitfield's [REDACTED] dated July 19, 2012; Inmate Whitfield [REDACTED] by his cell mate Leonardo Gomez DC #Y26157. There were [REDACTED] found to Inmate Whitfield.

(Exhibit A-5)

According to Inmate Whitefield's [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A-6)

According to the Miami Dade Police Report dated July 19, 2012; [REDACTED] At approximately 6:32 pm, Inmate Whitfield was pronounced deceased. Miami Dade Homicide responded to the scene to continue the investigation.

(Exhibit A-7)

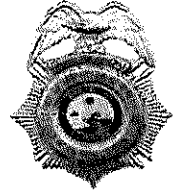
The Miami Dade PD Homicide death investigation report will be included in this case file upon receipt.

According to the Miami Dade Medical Examiner Department Investigative Report dated August 13, 2012; Cause of Death: [REDACTED] and Manner of Death: Accident.

(Exhibit A-8)



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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Incident Report submitted by Officer Sean Chapman
2. Incident Report submitted by Nurse Denise Jackson
3. Incident Report submitted by Nurse Shineatha Hightower
4. Witness Statement submitted by Leonardo Gomez
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. Police Report
8. Medical Examiner Report

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

None