

Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 13-12141

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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.

V.

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PREDICATE

On October 26, 2013, at approximately 3:45pm, [REDACTED] Zephyrhills CI, Inmate MacDonald [REDACTED] after being found [REDACTED] in his bed. MacD [REDACTED] at the time of his passing and his death was presumed [REDACTED].

VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on the evidence obtained and the record as a whole, presented or available to the primary inspector, the following findings were of facts determined:

On October 26, 2013, at approximately 3:45pm, [REDACTED] found that Inmate MacDonald [REDACTED] MacDonald and [REDACTED] was later contacted via phone with the results and officially declared MacDonald deceased. All proper notifications were made.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MacDonald had been housed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

An autopsy conducted by Associate Medical Examiner Susan Ignacio of the District Six Medical Examiner's Office concluded the cause of death as being [REDACTED]. The manner of death was listed as accidental.

Upon reviewing the findings of the Autopsy Report, a follow up inquiry confirmed that on September 24, 2013, Inmate MacDonald was [REDACTED] after he slipped and fell while stepping into the shower in the Infirmary. [REDACTED] was documented in MINS #515905 as well [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted and clarified that the [REDACTED] manner of death were determined as such based on the [REDACTED] of Inmate, MacDonald [REDACTED] due to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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There are no administrative concerns.

VII. CHARGES

N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of **Inspector Chris McCaulley** that this case be closed and termed as follows:

- 1. Exceptionally Cleared**