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Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 17-19942**



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INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 17-19942

OIG Inspector: Inspector James K. Maloney

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Andrew Tokajer

Date Assigned or Initiated: 11/06/2017

Complaint Against: Inmate John Hollis DC #113961 (Deceased)

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

Complainant: Correctional Captain David M. Smith

Outside Agency Case #: PE-37-0099

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Inmate Death

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 November 4, 2017, at approximately 7:07 PM, Assistant Warden James White, Century Correctional Institution, contacted Inspector Maloney, via phone, and advised of an [REDACTED] inmate. Inspector James K. Maloney contacted Supervisor David Clark, via phone, at approximately 7:08 PM and advised him of the situation. Inspector James K. Maloney was advised to respond to Century Correctional Institution. [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate John Hollis deceased at approximately 7:07 PM.

Upon arrival to Century Correctional Institution, Inspector James K. Maloney responded to [REDACTED] where Inmate John Hollis DC #113961 was located in cell [REDACTED]. Inspector James K. Maloney obtained digital photographs of Inmate John Hollis' person and conducted an external visual of Inmate John Hollis' person and observed [REDACTED].

Supervisor David Clark notified FDLE Watch Desk at 2025 hours. FDLE agents responded and assumed primary investigative duties for the incident.

On November 6, 2017, Inspector James K. Maloney attended the autopsy of Inmate John Hollis DC #113961. Doctor Minyard conducted the autopsy on Inmate Hollis and the preliminary information obtained indicated possible [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which are all pending further analysis.

VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

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

On November 4, 2017, at approximately 7:07 p.m., Inspector James K. Maloney received a phone call from Assistance Warden of Operations James White, who advised Inspector James K. Maloney of an [REDACTED] inmate. At 7:08 p.m., Inspector James K. Maloney contacted Supervisor David Clark and advised him of the situation. Supervisor David Clark informed Inspector James K. Maloney to respond to Century Correctional Institution.

While en route to Century Correctional Institution, Inspector James K. Maloney contacted AWO White, via phone, and obtained the following information: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] responded to the scene. [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] to advise him of the situation, at which time Inmate John Hollis DC #113961 was pronounced deceased at 7:07 p.m.

Inspector James K. Maloney was then contacted by FDLE Supervisor Chris Williams, at approximately 7:40 p.m., and advised he was sending several agents to the scene.

Inspector James K. Maloney then contacted the Medical Examiner's Office, left a message advising of the situation, and a short while later M/E personnel Danielle Kildow contacted Inspector James K. Maloney, via phone, and advised she would be en route.



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Inspector James K. Maloney arrived at Century Correctional institution at approximately 9:00 p.m. and responded to [REDACTED]. Upon arrival to [REDACTED], Inspector James K. Maloney received the [REDACTED] Inmate Hollis' [REDACTED] Checklist, and a copy of the Crime Scene Log. Inspector James K. Maloney obtained digital photographs of the scene and of Inmate Hollis. Inspector James K. Maloney noted [REDACTED] to Inmate Hollis' [REDACTED].

At approximately 9:14 p.m. FDLE Agents Brannan Riley, Andrew Tokajer, and Vanesa Carmona arrived on scene, at which time the scene was turned over to them. FDLE agents conducted interviews with Century Correctional Institutional staff, Officer Harold Cox, Officer Colton McGhee, Sergeant Timothy Davidson, Sergeant Jonathon Carter, Officer Joshua Nix, [REDACTED] and Captain David Smith.

At approximately 9:30p.m. M/E personnel, Danielle Kildow arrived on scene.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Larry Crenshaw and Aaron Hill (West Florida Removal Service personnel) arrived on scene and removed Inmate Hollis from Century Correctional Institution.

On November 04, 2017, Inspector James K. Maloney reviewed Inmate John Hollis' [REDACTED] paperwork. The review revealed detailed [REDACTED] Hollis observed recently, which consisted of [REDACTED]. The review also revealed Inmate Hollis' recent behavior to include: kicking the floor, hitting his head, throwing toilet water, [REDACTED]. During this time Inspector James K. Maloney obtained a copy of the [REDACTED] Checklist for the date of November 4, 2017 and obtained a copy of the Crime Scene Log.

On November 6, 2017, Inspector James K. Maloney and FDLE Agent Andrew Tokajer attended the Inmate Hollis' autopsy. Doctor Andrea Minyard conducted the autopsy and upon completion Doctor Minyard provided the following preliminary information as possibilities: [REDACTED] which are all pending further analysis.

On April 2, 2018, Inspector James K. Maloney received Inmate John Hollis' Autopsy Protocol, MLA17-914, in which Dr. Andrea N. Minyard declared the manner of death to be an Accident and the cause of death to be [REDACTED]. The diagnoses is as follows:

- I. [REDACTED]
- II. [REDACTED]
- III. [REDACTED]:
- A. [REDACTED]
- B. [REDACTED]
- IV. [REDACTED]
- V. [REDACTED].

A review of Inmate Hollis' [REDACTED] was conducted and revealed days prior to Inmate Hollis' death, staff advised Inmate Hollis appeared to be talking to himself, talking to walls, kicked cell door, banged his head against wall, and was having [REDACTED]. The



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██████████ Inmate Hollis had on his person were documented as early as 11/01/2018, three days prior to Inmate Hollis' death.

On December 15, 2017, Use of Force Inspector Ryan C. Muse provided Inspector James K. Maloney an email requesting a copy Inmate Hollis' Autopsy report. On April 9, 2018, Inspector James K. Maloney provided a copy of the Autopsy report to Inspector Ryan C. Muse.

A review of UOF reports: 17-19919 and 17-19923 was conducted in the IGIIS system, which indicated both UOF incidents were approved.

- A review of 17-ADDINFO00140 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION), related to MINS 816882, was conducted and revealed the allegation of Inmate Hollis being, "Beat to death on Saturday, 11/4/17" to be unfounded based on the Medical Examiner's report and the Autopsy Report.
- A review of 17-ADDINFO00163 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION), related to Correspondence Number 2017-11-15-0012, was conducted and revealed the expressed concerns portrayed in the Correspondence were unfounded. Officer Bodiford and Officer Cassidy have not and were not placed on Administrative leave in reference to this incident, Inmate Hollis has received numerous Disciplinary Reports throughout his incarceration, and no Disciplinary Report was written in reference to the allegation Inmate Hollis was in possession of the Maintenance Key.
- 17-ADDINFO00181 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION), related to MINS 820178, was conducted and revealed Inmate Hollis' death was ruled an Accident and the cause of death to be ██████████.
- 17-ADDINFO00190 (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION) was conduct, which revealed this complaint was based on the same premises as 17-ADDINFO00140. Therefore, this 17-ADDINFO00190, will be deemed unfounded, based on the Medical Examiner's report and the Autopsy Report.

There were no violations of Department Policy and Procedures, Florida Administrative Code or Florida State Statute identified during this investigation.

VII. CHARGES

- None

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during this investigation and the review of the Medical Examiner's Report, it is the recommendation of Inspector James K. Maloney, this investigation is closed and Inmate John Hollis' death has been determined to be accidental, as listed above.

- Exceptionally Cleared