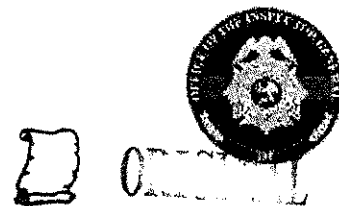




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Inspector General Case #: 12-1-3081

Facility: Okaloosa Correctional Institution/115

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Panama City / Region 1-West

Incident Date: 04/20/2012

Time: 10:05am

Inspector: Randy Anglin

Date of Report: 08/31/2012

Case Type: A

- Case of Special Interest
- Confidential Medical Information
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Number (if applicable)
- Department of Corrections presented to State Attorney Declined Accepted
- Use of Force (UOF) Number (if applicable) 2012-115-0024
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Addendum
- Wing Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

On April 20, 2012, at approximately 10:05 a.m., Inmate Joseph Wilson was found hanging from a bed sheet in E-dormitory, cell 2202 by Sergeant Mark Rudolph. Inmate Wilson was pronounced deceased [REDACTED]. During this investigation, an inmate alleged that Inmate Wilson [REDACTED] and the officers ignored it. This was reported to the Office of the Inspector General via the Management Information Notes System (MINS) on April 23, 2012, and assigned for investigation on April 24, 2012.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

As a result of this investigation, it is determined that Inmate Joseph Wilson [REDACTED] witness testimony and Medical Examiner, Andrea Minyard's autopsy report.

Also, during the course of this investigation, there was no evidence to support the allegation that Inmate Joseph Wilson [REDACTED]. This is based upon witness statements and the video cameras are [REDACTED].

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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
Complainant:	Mark Rudolph	Sergeant	06/19/████████	18538
Victim:	None			
Witness(es):	James Davis	Correctional Officer	12/6/████████	65757
	Mark Raab	Correctional Officer	02/26/████████	47158
	Kaleb Hoover	Sergeant	01/17/████████	48365
	Michael Randall	Correctional Officer	08/09/████████	17402
	Theodore Howard	Sergeant	08/18/████████	10015
	Michael Harker	Lieutenant	10/30/████████	8796
	Paul Tibbitts	Correctional Officer	12/27/████████	21441
	Daniel Behr	Sergeant	06/01/████████	1396
	[REDACTED]			
	Jeffery Norris	Sergeant	07/24/████████	15594
	William Hutchings	Correctional Officer	12/16/████████	55964
	Michael McCune	Inmate/DC#C05662	08/11/1992	
	Christopher Burkhart	Inmate/DC#G19681	01/09/1984	
	Christian Rodriguez	Inmate/DC#704372	12/06/1972	
	Glenn Edreich	Inmate/DC#609455	09/26/1967	
	Eric Dowd	Inmate/DC#564060	08/25/1969	
Subject(s):	Joseph Wilson	Inmate/DC#114430	07/13/1962	

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other

Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony Misdemeanor Date of Arrest:

Date Reported:

Final Court Action(s):

Other Agency Case Number:



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FINDINGS:

On April 20, 2012, at approximately 10:45am, Senior Inspector Randy Anglin received a telephone call from Inspector Supervisor Art Rountree instructing him to respond to [REDACTED] Okaloosa Correctional Institution. He notified Inspector Ben Smith and requested that he be en route to Okaloosa to assist him with the investigation.

In his incident report and digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, and his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of July 27, 2012, Sergeant Mark Rudolph indicated the following:

He was assigned as the Confinement Housing Sergeant and at approximately 10:05 a.m., he was conducting a security check in wing two. As he walked by cell E-2202, he observed Inmate Joseph Wilson with one end of a sheet tied around his neck and the other end tied to the top bunk in the cell. He gave the inmate several verbal orders to untie the sheet and he refused to comply with his verbal orders. He then applied a burst of chemical agents, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) from his MK4 canister with no response from the inmate. He called for assistance and Officer James Davis responded to the cell. Once Officer Davis arrived, he breached the door and they entered the cell. He removed the sheet from Inmate Wilson's neck and Officer Davis assisted in removing him from the cell. Once outside of the cell, they [REDACTED], he called for additional assistance and with the arrival of a [REDACTED] was initiated by Officers Mark Raab and Davis. [REDACTED], they also assisted with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Wilson deceased.

At no time did Inmate Wilson [REDACTED] to him. He thought he saw Mr. [REDACTED] in confinement, but was not sure. He had a crime scene log initiated and Inmate Wilson's cell was secured until Inspector Anglin arrived and took custody of the cell.

(Exhibits A1 & B1)

In his incident report and digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, and his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of May 21, 2012, Officer James Davis indicated the following:

He was assigned as a confinement officer and at approximately 9:55 a.m., he conducted a security check of E-dormitory, wing two and noticed Inmate Wilson at his cell door E-2202. He paused and talked to Inmate Glenn Edrich in cell E-2203. He completed his security checks and departed the wing. Approximately five to ten minutes later, he heard Sergeant Rudolph call on the radio for assistance in wing two. He arrived in wing two and Sergeant Rudolph told him that Inmate Wilson was hanging himself and he administered chemical agents and he was unresponsive. Sergeant Rudolph called for additional assistance. No one came immediately, so Sergeant Rudolph radioed the officer's station for the cell door to be opened. They entered the cell and he placed wrist restraints on Inmate Wilson, while Sergeant Rudolph removed the sheet from around Inmate Wilson's neck. Inmate Wilson was pulled out of the cell onto the catwalk [REDACTED] Sergeant Rudolph sent him to retrieve [REDACTED] and when he returned, [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Wilson deceased. At no time did Inmate Wilson [REDACTED] nor did Officer Davis here him make this statement to any other staff. (Exhibits A2 & B1)

In his incident report and digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Officer Mark Raab indicated the following:

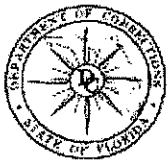
He responded to wing two, cell E-2202, in the confinement unit in reference to a radio call for assistance from Sergeant Rudolph. Upon arrival, he observed Inmate Wilson outside of his cell on the floor. Inmate Wilson was [REDACTED] at that time and he began to assess the [REDACTED] Officer Davis [REDACTED] Inmate Wilson after [REDACTED] from Inmate Wilson. [REDACTED] Inmate Wilson [REDACTED] Officers a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Wilson deceased [REDACTED] (Exhibits A3 & B1)

In his incident report and digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Sergeant Kalab Hoover indicated the following:

He was in the officer's station of E-dormitory when the incident occurred, involving Inmate Wilson. He observed Sergeant Rudolph administer chemical agents through the handcuffing portal of cell E-2202. He notified Officers Davis and Raab to assist Sergeant Rudolph. Sergeant Rudolph instructed him to open cell door E-2202 and he complied. Staff entered the cell and pulled Inmate Wilson out of the cell onto the catwalk. He notified [REDACTED] the shift supervisor of the incident. He maintained a log of everyone that entered and departed the wing. He did not go to the cell or participate in providing [REDACTED] security for the inmate. (Exhibits A4 & B1)

In his incident report and digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Lieutenant Michael Harker indicated the following:

He was assigned as the assistant shift supervisor and at approximately 10:12 a.m., he was notified to report to E-dormitory wing two. Upon arrival, Sergeant Rudolph told him that he had a use of force on Inmate Wilson, who [REDACTED]. He went upstairs where Officers Davis and Raab [REDACTED] at approximately 10:14 a.m., [REDACTED] to Inmate Wilson [REDACTED] continued until [REDACTED] 10:34 a.m., and relieved all staff. [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Wilson deceased at approximately 10:37 a.m. Cell E-2202 was secured and Officer Paul Tibbitts initiated a crime scene log. At approximately 10:59 a.m., video recording was initiated and Inmate Wilson [REDACTED] removed from confinement and [REDACTED] and Sergeant Daniel Behr. Sergeant Behr initiated a log [REDACTED] (Exhibits A5 & B1)



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In his incident report dated April 20, 2012, Officer Paul Tibbitts indicated the following:

He was assigned as internal security officer and responded to a radio call for assistance in confinement. Upon entering wing two, he observed Officers Davis and Raab [REDACTED] an inmate in front of cell E-2202. He began keeping a log of events. After [REDACTED], [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Wilson deceased, the cell was secured and he remained at the scene until relieved of duties. (Exhibits A6 & A7)

In his incident report and digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Sergeant Theodor Howard indicated the following:

He responded to a radio call for assistance in the confinement unit. Upon arrival, [REDACTED] initiated and he relieved Officer Davis. Inmate Wilson was [REDACTED]. After a few [REDACTED]. He cut away the state issued shirt of Inmate Wilson with medical scissors and assisted in placing a pad under the inmate so [REDACTED]. After following [REDACTED], was continued. [REDACTED] the inmate deceased. He assisted in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He had no further involvement in the incident. (Exhibits A8 & B1)

In a [REDACTED] form dated April 20, 2012, and [REDACTED] digitally recorded, sworn statement, of May 11, 2012, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibits A9 & B1)

In her digitally recorded, sworn statement, of May 11, 2012, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

(Exhibit B1)

In her digitally recorded, sworn statement, of May 18, 2012, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit B1)

In his [REDACTED] for Inmate Joseph Wilson dated April 20, 2012, and his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of May 21, 2012, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibits A10 & B1)

The Department of Corrections [REDACTED] of Inmate Joseph Wilson dated April 20, 2012, indicated [REDACTED]

(Exhibits A11 & A12)

The [REDACTED] of Inmate Joseph Wilson dated April 20, 2012, indicated that [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A13)



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In his incident report and digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Officer Michael Randall indicated the following:

He responded to a radio call for assistance in E-dormitory wing two from Sergeant Rudolph. Initially he made a security check and ordered the other inmates in confinement to get off their doors and to sit on their bunks. He observed Officers Davis and Raab [REDACTED] Inmate Wilson outside his assigned cell. [REDACTED] Officer Raab [REDACTED] the inmate was pronounced deceased. He secured cell E-2202 to preserve the crime scene and secured the inmates body until he was relieved by Sergeant Behr. He assisted in [REDACTED]. He retrieved a handheld video camera and after Lieutenant Michael Harker gave the lead in statement, he continued video recording until the inmate was secured [REDACTED] and the lieutenant gave a closing statement. (Exhibits A14 & B1)

In his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Officer William Hutchings indicated the following:

He was assigned to the recreation yard and responded to a radio call for assistance in wing two of confinement. He entered wing 2 and observed an inmate lying on the floor in front of cell E-2202. Officers Davis and Raab [REDACTED] He was present [REDACTED] confinement, but he was not involved in the incident. When Inmate Wilson was removed from wing two, he was in wing one assisting with inmate recreation. (Exhibit B1)

In his incident report dated April 20, 2012, Sergeant Daniel Behr indicated the following:

He was assigned as lock and key sergeant and at approximately 10:34 a.m., [REDACTED] from the west sally port to E-dormitory. He did not go upstairs to the body until he was instructed to take custody of the body of Inmate Wilson. He assisted in [REDACTED]. He escorted Inmate Wilson's body from confinement to the [REDACTED], where he began a log of events. At approximately 4:00 p.m., the body removal service arrived and took possession of Inmate Wilson's body. The log was given to Senior Inspector Anglin. (Exhibits A15 & A16)

In his incident report dated April 20, 2012, Sergeant Jeffery Norris indicated the following:

He was assigned as inside grounds supervisor and responded to E-dormitory, wing two, due to a call for assistance. He entered wing two and observed Lieutenant Harker and several staff members in front of cell E-2202, [REDACTED]. He conducted a security check of the other inmates housed in the wing. At approximately 10:30 a.m., he was called to the control room to prepare for a transport. The transport was cancelled and he had no further involvement in the incident.

(Exhibit A17)



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The fixed wing videos of E-dormitory wing 2 dated April 20, 2012, were reviewed and reflected that staff were present in the wing conducting duties throughout the morning. At approximately 9:07 a.m., an officer walked around on the upper tier and stopped at cell E-2202, looked into cell and departed. At approximately 9:09 a.m., an officer stopped at cell E-2203 and was at the cell front for approximately two and a half minutes before departing. At approximately 9:12 a.m., an officer walked around on the top tier and walked over to cell E-2202, looked in and departed. At approximately 9:29 a.m., an officer appeared to be conducting a security check, walked by and looked in E-2202 and continued around the top tier and walked back by the cell and departed. At approximately 9:57 a.m., an officer began conducting a security check on the top tier, he stopped at cell E-2202 and appeared to talk to the inmate through the door and then departed. At approximately 10:05 a.m., an officer entered the top tier and walked by cell E-2202 and looked into the cell as he walked by. The officer stopped and rapidly returned to cell E-2202, and appeared to be talking on a radio. The officer opened the handcuffing portal. Another officer arrived and the cell door was breached. The inmate was pulled out of the cell and laid in front of the cell door on the floor. Additional officers [REDACTED]. The remaining portion of the video was consistent with the incident reports and digitally recorded, sworn statements from staff involved. (Video cameras [REDACTED]) (Exhibits B2 & B3)

Photographs were taken on April 20, 2012, of cell E-2202, which contained a state issued white sheet hanging from the top bunk with a "Noose" tied at one end and a knot at the other, fastened to the upper bunk. Photographs were also taken of Inmate Joseph Wilson [REDACTED] at the institution. [REDACTED] Inmate Wilson. (Exhibit B4)

In his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Inmate Michael McCune indicated the following:

He was in the cell directly across from Inmate Wilson's cell in the confinement unit. Inmate Wilson was very quiet, but appeared to be very nervous. Inmate Wilson never spoke to anyone and he would pace back and forth in his cell. He never heard Inmate Wilson state he was going to [REDACTED] or make any complaints about [REDACTED]. He attempted to communicate with Inmate Wilson using hand signs, but apparently, he did not know how to sign. (Exhibit B1)

In his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Inmate Christopher Burkhart indicated the following:

He was assigned to the cell E-2201, which was next door to Inmate Wilson. He had been in the same cell for several days prior to the incident. Inmate Wilson was very quiet and kept to himself. On this date, he heard a commotion coming from Inmate Wilson's cell. He heard the cell door open and someone [REDACTED] as if they had been affected by chemical agents. He then recalled Officer Randall [REDACTED] but could not tell what was happening due to being ordered to keep away from his cell door. He did not hear Inmate Wilson state he was going to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. Inmate Wilson never spoke through the air vents or to any of the other inmates in confinement. (Exhibit B1)



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In his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Inmate Christian Rodriguez indicated the following:

He was housed in cell E-2102, which was directly below the cell that housed Inmate Wilson. Inmate Wilson was a very quiet inmate who would not talk to the other inmates in confinement. On one occasion, he asked Inmate Wilson what time it was, but Inmate Wilson refused to answer him. He never heard Inmate Wilson complain or [REDACTED] (Exhibit B1)

In his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Inmate Glenn Edreich indicated the following:

He was assigned to cell E-2203. He has never had a conversation with Inmate Wilson and he was very quiet. Sometime between 8:00 a.m., and 9:00 a.m., Inmate Wilson told Sergeant Rudolph [REDACTED] Sergeant Rudolph told Inmate Wilson not to play games with him or he would "spray him" and he then departed. Officer Davis made his rounds approximately thirty minutes before Sergeant Rudolph returned. He thought that Officer Davis stopped at cell E-2202. Later, Sergeant Rudolph returned and stopped at cell E-2202, opened the food flap, administered chemical agents into the cell and called for assistance on the radio. Two officers came, the cell door was opened and they ran in the cell, [REDACTED] Inmate Wilson was wearing his blue pants and shirt. Staff acted in a professional manner [REDACTED] Inmate Wilson. (Exhibit B1)

In his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of April 20, 2012, Inmate Eric Dowd indicated the following:

He was assigned to cell E-2204, and at approximately 9:30 a.m., he observed Sergeant Rudolph making his rounds. The inmate in cell E-2202 told Sergeant Rudolph [REDACTED] Sergeant Rudolph told Inmate Wilson that he did not have time and he would "spray" him and then departed. At approximately 10:00 a.m., Officer Raab also went to the cell and Inmate Wilson told him the same thing. Sergeant Rudolph returned and stopped at cell E-2202, opened the food flap, administered chemical agents into the cell and called for assistance. Officer Davis arrived and the cell door was opened, they ran into the cell, [REDACTED] Staff [REDACTED] Inmate Wilson. (Exhibit B1)

The Department of Corrections Inspection of Special Housing Record dated April 20, 2012, documents the entrance and exit of staff that were in confinement during the incident. (Exhibit A18)

In his digitally recorded, sworn statement, of May 21, 2012, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] (Exhibit B1)

The Department of Corrections [REDACTED] dated March 26, 2012, of Inmate Joseph Wilson
 [REDACTED] (Exhibit A19)

On April 20, 2012, at approximately 4:05 p.m., Inmate Joseph Wilson's body was picked up by West Florida Removal Service and taken to the Medical Examiner's Office.

On April 23, 2012, an autopsy was conducted on Inmate Joseph Wilson by District One Medical Examiner, Doctor Andrea Minyard. Inspector Randy Anglin attended the autopsy at the Pensacola Medical Examiner's Office at Sacred Heart Hospital. Upon completion, Dr. Minyard indicated that Inmate Wilson [REDACTED]. The preliminary findings for the cause of death appeared [REDACTED].

A copy of the autopsy report by Doctor Andrea Minyard, of Inmate Joseph Wilson dated May 10, 2012, indicated that the determined cause of death was noted as Suicide [REDACTED] (Exhibit A20)



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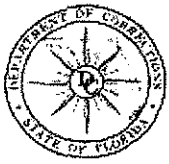
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A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Incident report by Sergeant Rudolph dated April 20, 2012
2. Incident report by Officer James Davis dated April 20, 2012
3. Incident report by Officer Mark Raab dated April 20, 2012
4. Incident report by Sergeant Kalab Hoover dated April 20, 2012
5. Incident report by Lieutenant Michael Harper dated April 20, 2012
6. Incident report by Officer Paul Tibbitts dated April 20, 2012
7. Log of events by Officer Paul Tibbitts
8. Incident report by Sergeant Theodor Howard dated April 20, 2012
9. [REDACTED] April 20, 2012
10. [REDACTED] April 20, 2012
11. [REDACTED] dated April 20, 2012
12. [REDACTED] April 20, 2012
13. [REDACTED] April 20, 2012
14. Incident report by Officer Michael Randall dated April 20, 2012
15. Incident report by Sergeant Daniel Behr dated April 20, 2012
16. [REDACTED] by Sergeant Daniel Behr dated April 20, 2012
17. Incident report by Sergeant Jeffery Norris dated April 20, 2012
18. Inspection of Special Housing Record for confinement dated April 20, 2012
19. [REDACTED] dated March 26, 2012
20. Autopsy report of Inmate Joseph Wilson dated May 10, 2012

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. CD containing the digitally recorded, sworn statements of the following:
 - Sergeant Mark Rudolph of April 20, 2012, and July 27, 2012
 - Officer James Davis of April 20, 2012, and May 21, 2012
 - Officer Mark Raab of April 20, 2012
 - Sergeant Kalab Hoover of April 20, 2012
 - Lieutenant Michael Harper of April 20, 2012
 - Sergeant Theodor Howard of April 20, 2012
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - Officer Michael Randall of April 20, 2012
 - Officer William Hutchings of April 20, 2012



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- Inmate Michael McCune of April 20, 2012
 - Inmate Christopher Burkhart of April 20, 2012
 - Inmate Christian Rodriguez of April 20, 2012
 - Inmate Glenn Edreich of April 20, 2012
 - Inmate Eric Dowd of April 20, 2012
2. Fixed wing video of E-dormitory confinement of April 20, 2012
 3. Fixed wing video of E-dormitory confinement of April 20, 2012
 4. Photographs of Inmate Joseph Wilson and Cell E-2202 of April 20, 2012