

Florida Department Of Corrections
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 Paul C. Decker, Inspector General



Inspector General Case #: 08-50671

Facility: ██████████ Zephyrhills C. I.

Classification of Incident: ██████████ Death

Field Office/Region: Tampa/V

Incident Date: 02/25/08

Time: 4:37 PM

Inspector: Buddy A. Gibson

Date of Report: 03/25/08

Case Type: C1

Check all that apply:

- Confidential Medical Information
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Number (if applicable)
- Principal(s) Exhibits Attached
- 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 YES NO

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

On February 25, 2008, at approximately 10:20 AM Inmate Edward Turner was observed ██████████
 ██████████. Inmate Turner
 ██████████ as the result of this incident. At
 approximately 4:45 PM Inmate Turner was pronounced dead ██████████

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

An autopsy was conducted and Forensic Investigator John Rush indicated Inmate Turner died ██████████
 The manner of death is classified as accidental.



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around Inmate Turner and instructed the inmates to report to their rooms. At this time there was enough [REDACTED] therefore she began securing the scene. (EXHIBITS B-1 & B-2)

In his affidavit taken on February 25, 2008, and in his incident report dated February 25, 2008, Sergeant Anthony Barker indicated that at approximately 10:20 AM, he observed Inmate Turner standing at the 'E' Dormitory entrance with Inmate Walker and Guzman patting him on the back. Sergeant Ferres advised him that Inmate Turner [REDACTED] her radio was not working and she needed to use his radio. Sergeant Ferres called [REDACTED] the radio and advised [REDACTED] Inmate Turner was moved to the day room bench and at that time [REDACTED] Inmate Turner [REDACTED]

Inmate Turner became [REDACTED]

(EXHIBITS B-3 & B-4)

In his affidavit taken on February 25, 2008, Inmate Demetrius Walker indicated he was coming into 'E' Dormitory and overheard Sergeant Ferres [REDACTED] When he came all the way into the dormitory he observed Inmate Turner sitting on the bench [REDACTED] and he asked Inmate Turner [REDACTED] Inmate Turner attempted to talk, [REDACTED] He began beating on Inmate Turner's back and [REDACTED] He began beating on Inmate Turner's back harder and then Turner [REDACTED] He called Turner's name three times and observed Inmate Turner [REDACTED] he was told to go to his cell.

(EXHIBIT B-5)

In his affidavit taken on February 25, 2008, Inmate Norwin Guzman indicated when he entered the dormitory at approximately 10:25 AM, he observed Inmate Turner sitting on the bench [REDACTED] and Inmate Walker was attempting to help him. He observed Sergeant Ferres trying to call [REDACTED] via radio; while he attempted to help Inmate Turner lay down on his side. Inmate Turner was [REDACTED] He assisted for a short time more and then went back to his cell due to an order by Sergeant Ferres. (EXHIBIT B-6)

In an incident report dated February 25, 2008, Officer James Estrada indicated at approximately 10:20 AM, while assigned as the 'E' Dormitory Housing Officer, Sergeant Ferres began banging on the Officer's Station window instructing him to call [REDACTED] by radio, but [REDACTED] Several staff members [REDACTED] immediately entered afterwards. [REDACTED]

(EXHIBIT B-7)

In her affidavit taken on March 25, 2008, [REDACTED] indicated [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

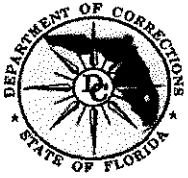
(EXHIBIT B-8)

On February 25, 2008, Captain Justin Brennan submitted an incident report indicating at approximately 4:45 PM, he was advised by Sergeant Ed Hulin that Inmate Edward Turner, the inmate he and Officer Andy Ragan were supervising [REDACTED] was pronounced dead [REDACTED]. He also advised the death was ruled [REDACTED].

(EXHIBIT B-9)

An autopsy was conducted and Forensic Investigator John Rush indicated Inmate Turner died [REDACTED]. The manner of death is classified as accidental. A copy of the autopsy report will be made part of this investigative file when it is received.

No criminal or administrative concerns were brought up or observed during the investigation.



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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

- A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:**
- B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:**
- 1. Affidavit submitted by Sergeant Ferres.**
 - 2. Incident report submitted by Sergeant Ferres.**
 - 3. Affidavit submitted Sergeant Barker.**
 - 4. Incident report submitted by Sergeant Barker.**
 - 5. Affidavit submitted by Inmate Walker.**
 - 6. Affidavit submitted by Inmate Guzman.**
 - 7. Incident report submitted by Officer Estrada.**
 - 8. Affidavit submitted [REDACTED]**
 - 9. Incident report submitted by Captain Brennan.**