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# Florida Department of Corrections



## Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST  
CASE # 18-11876**



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**Case Number:** 18-11876

**OIG Inspector:** Senior Inspector Christopher Baty

**Outside Agency:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**Outside Agency Investigator:** Special Agent Nathan Coogan

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** 01-06-2018

**Complaint Against:** (*Deceased*) Inmate William Parker Jr DC# 126921

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** Okeechobee Correctional Institution

**Complainant:** N/A

**Outside Agency Case #:** FM-37-0040

**Use of Force Number:** N/A

**PREA Number:** N/A

**Classification of Incident:** Inmate Death (Other)

**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 July 9, 2018, the Office of the Inspector General received MINS #866866 from Okeechobee Correctional Institution that indicated, on July 6, 2018, at approximately 2:30 a.m., On-call Senior Inspector Christopher Baty was notified by On-call Inspector Supervisor Yolanda Brown of [REDACTED] inmate at Okeechobee Correctional Institution, in which Inmate William Parker Jr DC# 126921 [REDACTED] in his cell (B3-201). Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent Nathan Coogan was assigned as the lead investigator. FDLE Case# FM-37-0040 was assigned to this case. Senior Inspector Christopher Baty was assigned as the primary assist in this investigation.

**VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

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

- On July 6, 2018, at approximately 1:30 a.m., Officer James Smith advised Sergeant Jeremy Hummel to respond to B-Dormitory for [REDACTED] inmate in cell B3-201.
- At approximately 1:32 a.m., Sergeant Hummel arrived to B-Dormitory in reference to a reported [REDACTED] inmate in cell B3-201. [REDACTED] immediately after securing the cellmate.
- At approximately 1:45 a.m., [REDACTED] arrived at cell B3-201 and assisted with Inmate Parker.
- At approximately 1:50 a.m., [REDACTED] was notified and Inmate Parker was transported to the medical building ER within Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 1:58 a.m., [REDACTED] arrived on scene.
- At approximately 2:03 a.m., [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Parker deceased.
- At approximately 2:07 a.m., [REDACTED] departed Okeechobee Correctional Institution.
- At approximately 2:17 a.m., Duty Warden McCray and EAC were notified.
- At approximately 2:30 a.m., On-call Senior Inspector Christopher Baty was notified by On-call Inspector Supervisor Yolanda Brown.
- At approximately 2:41 a.m., Supervisor Brown notified FDLE Help Desk of this incident.
- At approximately 3:02 a.m., FDLE Special Agent Tracy notified Inspector Baty that two FDLE agents would be responding to Okeechobee C.I.



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- At approximately 3:27 a.m., FDLE Special Agent Tracy notified Inspector Baty SA Steve Harris and Lead SA Nathan Coogan would be responding to Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 3:40 a.m., Inspector Baty arrived at Okeechobee Correctional Institution along with SA Steve Harris.
- At approximately 4:00 a.m., Senior Inspector Baty assisted Special Agent Harris with photographing Inmate Parker in the ER.
- At approximately 4:15 a.m., Lead SA Nathan Coogan arrived at Okeechobee Correctional Institution.
- At approximately 4:20 a.m., Special Agents Coogan and Harris photographed and collected evidence in cell B3-201.
- At approximately 4:30 a.m., cell B3-201 was released for normal operations.
- At approximately 4:40 a.m., Special Agents Coogan and Harris conducted interviews of approximately [REDACTED] one security staff and Inmate Headly, cellmate of Inmate Parker.
- At approximately 6:00 a.m., Special Agents Coogan and Harris concluded all interviews.
- At approximately 6:30 a.m., Inspector Baty collected video from [REDACTED] dormitory of the incident and all documentation.
- At approximately 6:35 a.m., Lead SA Coogan signed a request for records form and received records list in the form.
- At approximately 6:45 am, Special Agents Coogan and Harris departed Okeechobee Correctional Institution.
- At approximately 8:00 a.m., Classification Supervisor Cox notified Inmate Parker's family of his death.
- At approximately 8:03 a.m., 19th District Medical Examiner's Office personnel arrived on scene.
- At approximately 8:22 am, 19th District Medical Examiner's Office personnel took possession of Inmate Parker and departed Okeechobee Correctional Institution.

**FDLE SA Nathan Coogan's final report:**

On July 6, 2018, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) was contacted by the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) Inspector General's Office regarding the death of Inmate William Parker at the Okeechobee Correctional Institute (OCI). DOC requested FDLE respond to investigate Inmate Parker's death.

