

# Florida Department of Corrections



## Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST  
CASE # 17-11885**



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**INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT**



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**Case Number:** 17-11885

**OIG Inspector:** Inspector Ken Futch

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

**Outside Agency Investigator:** Special Agent Charles Dickson

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** July 10, 2017

**Complaint Against:** N/A

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** Calhoun Correctional Institution Work Camp

**Complainant:** Sergeant William Beauchamp

**Outside Agency Case #:** PE-37-0085

**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 or about July 5, 2017, the Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General received notification of the death of Inmate Ramon Morales #168554, who was housed in L dormitory at Calhoun Correctional Institution, Work Camp. Upon initial review of the information, the Office of the Inspector General assigned an investigative assist to Inspector Ken Futch on July 10, 2017, to assist the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) with their investigation.

**VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

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

In his incident report dated July 5, 2017, Sergeant William Beauchamp indicated the following:

On July 5, 2017, Sergeant Beauchamp was the shift supervisor at the Calhoun Work Camp when Officer Monique Glass initiated Incident Command System (ICS) at approximately 1:16 p.m. due to Inmate Morales appearing [REDACTED] and being combative. Sergeant Beauchamp entered L2 dormitory where several inmates restrained Inmate Morales from being combative. Inmate Morales was restrained [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Inmate Morales. At approximately 1:20 p.m. [REDACTED] was notified due to Inmate Morales [REDACTED] at approximately 1:30 p.m. and transported Inmate Morales at approximately 1:40 p.m. [REDACTED]. At [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Morales deceased.

*At the time of this incident there was no fixed wing video available for review.*

Nine (9) digital photographs were taken of Inmate Morales [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The visual review and photographic review found no evidence [REDACTED] to Inmate Morales.

On July 5, 2017, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Agents Charles Dickson and Travis Lawson responded to Calhoun Correctional Work Camp as part of this death investigation where staff and inmate interviews were conducted. Fourteenth District Medical Examiner Investigator Andrew Winkler responded and transported Inmate Morales after jurisdiction was accepted to allow for an autopsy.

**AUTOPSY/TOXICOLOGY REPORT**

In an autopsy report dated July 24, 2018, Medical Examiner Jay Radtke noted the cause of death as combined [REDACTED] with a manner of death being an accident. In Doctor Radtke's report, the summary of the autopsy findings included the following:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]



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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

In a toxicology report dated July 3, 2018, by Diane Boland Ph.D with the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Office, Inmate Morales [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On August 10, 2018, FDLE Agent Dickson forwarded a case closure report involving Inmate Morales. Agent Dickson concluded, based on his investigative action, Inmate Morales death was the result of [REDACTED] Agent Dickson's investigation [REDACTED] because of force used or signs of foul play.

**VII. CHARGES**

- None

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Charles Dickson the investigation found no violations of Florida Law.

- Exceptionally Cleared

Inspector Futch reviewed the investigation completed by FDLE, and administrative issues were not identified.