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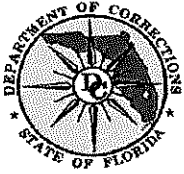


“I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss.112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.”

“Furthermore, under penalties of perjury, I declare I have read the foregoing report and the contents of the report are true and accurate based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief.”

Bruce Whitehead
Investigators Signature

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Inspector General Case #: 08-25598 Facility: Florida State Prison
 Classification of Incident: Inmate Death Field Office/Region: Gainesville / Region 2
 Incident Date: July 7, 2008 Time: 11:20AM Inspector: Whitehead
 Date of Report: January 21, 2009 Case Type: A

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)
- Complaint of Discrimination
- Addendum
- Wing Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident YES NO

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

On July 3, 2008, at approximately 9:50PM [REDACTED] Inmate Barnes was [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] On July 7, 2008, Inmate Barnes was pronounced dead by [REDACTED] at 11:20AM at [REDACTED]
 An autopsy was conducted by Doctor Valerie Rao with the District 4 Medical Examiner's Office on July 8, 2008, with the cause of death being [REDACTED] and the manner of death being undetermined.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

As a result of the investigation and analysis of the evidence, no evidence of foul play or an [REDACTED] were discovered concerning the death of Inmate Barnes. During the autopsy, Doctor Rao noted [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]



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Inmate Barnes had ample opportunity to make a complaint if any inappropriate conduct or accidents had occurred and did not. The institutional fixed-wing videos were reviewed and staff was questioned and there was no evidence of foul play being noted.



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In his Shift Supervisor comments Captain Dobbs reported:

"I/M Barnes was [REDACTED]
 I/M Barnes is being held [REDACTED] until 8:00AM [REDACTED]
 I/M Barnes is presently [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-1)

In his incident report of July 3, 2008, [REDACTED] reported:

"At approximately 9:50PM, on Thursday, July 03, 2008, while assigned as [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Inmate Barnes, Robert DC# 190923, housed in cell A1103S, [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-2)

Inmate Barnes was [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-3)

A review of Inmate Barnes' [REDACTED] showed that Inmate Barnes [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-3)

An autopsy was conducted by Dr. Valerie Rao with the District 4 Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Rao noted the cause of death was [REDACTED] with the manner of death being undetermined. Dr. Rao noted [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-4)

Photographs were taken during the autopsy by the Medical Examiner's Office investigators and a copy was turned over to Inspector Whitehead. (Exhibit B-2)

The fixed-wing video was reviewed from 12:01AM July 2, 2008, to 11:00PM on July 3, 2008 when Inmate Robert Barnes was [REDACTED] Inmate



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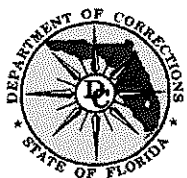
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Barnes [REDACTED] on July 2, and July 3, [REDACTED]. The fixed-wing video shows staff conducting security checks and normal daily activity on the wings with Inmate Barnes being viewed on the camera leaving his cell and taken out [REDACTED] and returning. The video showed no signs of foul play or inappropriate conduct by staff. **(Exhibit B-1)**

Institutional records were reviewed to include IG Logs and revealed no allegations of abuse or injuries made by Inmate Robert Barnes.



(Exhibit B-2)

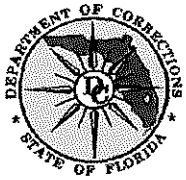


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<u>Bruce Westfall</u>	Inspector	<u>1/21/09</u>	Date
<u>Barbara Wallace</u>	Inspector Supervisor	<u>1/21/09</u>	Date
<u>Douglas P. Stephens</u>	Chief Prison Inspector	<u>1/28/09</u>	Date
_____	Deputy/Inspector General	_____	Date



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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Incident report of Sergeant Brown and Shift Supervisor comments of Captain Dobbs.
2. Incident report of [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. Autopsy report.

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. Fixed-wing videos.
2. Photographs of Inmate Barnes taken during the autopsy.