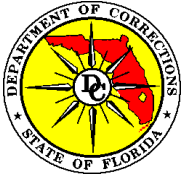


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**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST  
CASE # 14-10381**

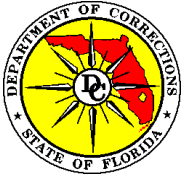


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**Case Number:** 14-10381

**OIG Inspector:** Inspector Jerri. Hale

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

**Outside Agency Investigator:** Special Agent Andrew Shedlock

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** 08-11-2014

**Complaint Against:** Inmate Lee, Rodney DC# 409258

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** (209) Reception and Medical Center

**Complainant:** Correctional Officer April Guion

**Outside Agency Case #:** ED-75-0003

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

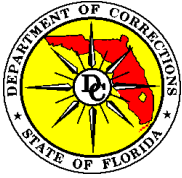
**PREA Number:** N/A

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

**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.

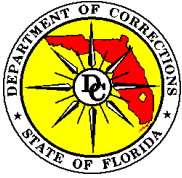
**II. METHODOLOGY**

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:**

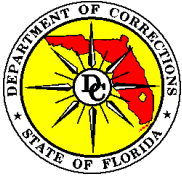
Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause exists that an identified suspect committed the offense, but one for which an arrest or formal charge is not initiated, or in the case of a death investigation, one for which no evidence exists that the death was the result of a crime 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 August 11, 2014, Correctional Officer April Guion submitted an Incident Report indicating while assigned at Reception and Medical Center (209), as Hospital Security Officer, she was advised Inmate Lee, Rodney DC# 409258, was pronounced deceased of natural, [REDACTED]. This information was reported in MINS on August 11, 2014, and assigned to Inspector J. Hale for investigation on August 11, 2014. This case was referred to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) on August 22, 2014, for investigation and assigned to Special Agent Andrew Shedlock, case number ED-75-0003.

**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:

This case was referred to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) on August 22, 2014, for investigation. The attached letter indicates Inmate Lee's death was deemed accidental.

On December 12, 2014, FDLE Agent Andrew Shedlock completed case # ED-75-0003 Serial # 117 in reference to the death of Inmate Lee, Rodney. Agent Shedlock deemed the death of Inmate Lee as accidental after reviewing the autopsy results completed by Dr. William Hamilton of the Gainesville Medical Examiner's Office.

A review of the Gainesville Medical Examiner's final autopsy results revealed:

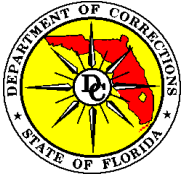
Autopsy Findings:

[REDACTED]

Probable Cause of Death: [REDACTED]

Contributory Factor: [REDACTED]

Manner of Death: Accident



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On September 8, 2015, Suwannee Correctional Institution (SCI) was contacted concerning Incident Reports written by staff indicating Inmate Lee, Rodney DC# 409258 had fallen while housed at SCI. Incident Reports received indicated Inmate Lee was housed in the infirmary at SCI and had fallen three times before being transported to Reception and Medical Center in July 2014. A review of the Incident Reports reveal Inmate Lee fell on May 10, 2014, May 12, 2014 and June 13, 2014.

**VII. CHARGES**

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

N/A

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Andrew Shedlock the death of Inmate Lee, Rodney was accidental.

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of Inspector Jerri Hale this case be closed as Exceptionally Cleared.

Inspector Hale reviewed all documentation from Reception and Medical Center, Suwannee Correctional Institution and the Gainesville Medical Examiner's Office and administrative issues were not identified.