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Inspector General Case #: 09-4	2613	Facility: Okeechobee Correctional Institution
Classification of Incident:		Field Office/Region: Ft. Lauderdale/IV
Incident Date: 08/08/09	Time: 14:05	Inspector: Katouree D. Jackson
Date of Report: 10/13/09		Case Type: A
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	ncipal(s) Exhibits Attached	
D	partment of Corrections presented to State Attorney 🗌 Declined 🗌 Accepted	ł
U	of Force (UOF) Number (if applicable)	
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V	ng Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident 🛛 YES 🛛 🗌 NO	
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Inmate Frederick Furgharsen DC# 432314 while in his assigned confinement cell housed alone.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

There are no administrative violations related to this case. The medical examiner's autopsy report will be released to the Ft. Lauderdale Field Office upon release of the investigative report by the investigating agency.

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Complainant:	Hamilton, William	Correctional Officer Captain		8653
Victim:	Furgharsen, Frederick	DC# 432314	07/12/71	
Witness(es):	Ellis, Michael	Correctional Officer Sergeant		6287
	Garcia, Martin	Correctional Officer		51553
Subject(s):				
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Not Guilty
Nolo Contendere
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Other (explanation):
Date Reported:
Other Describe:

FINDINGS:

Inmate Furgharsen was placed in administrative confinement on August 7, 2009, pending an investigation into an allegation of him assaulting his cellmate.

In his sworn, written statement of September 30, 2009, Correctional Officer Sergeant Michael Ellis indicated the following:

On August 8, 2009, while assigned as B-Dormitory Housing Supervisor conducting a security check on wing one he approached cell B1118 at approximately the security and the cell housed Inmate Frederick Furquarsen alone. He saw the inmate with a thin piece of sheet wrapped around his neck and tied to the top bunk. He then called for assistance. When assistance arrived, the cell was breached and the sheet was cut from the inmate's neck with the ligature cutter. He and Officer Garcia

(Exhibit A1)



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In his sworn, written statement of October 5, 2009, Correctional Officer Martin Garcia indicated the following:

On August 9, 2009, at approximately the responded to a call in B-Dormitory cell B1118 which housed only Inmate Furgharsen. When he arrived at the cell, Inmate Furgharsen

Inmate Furgharsen was

(Exhibit A2)

(Exhibit A3)

On August 9, 2009, Detective Fred Bradley of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene responded to the institution. His report indicated that the inmate had indicating where the knot possibly

was.

He responded to the institution; and when he assessed the cell there was a piece of a sheet with a knot in it on the floor. There was another piece of sheet tied in a hole of the top bunk; the top bunk was approximately fifty inches off the ground. The piece of sheet that was hanging down was approximately eighteen inches long (that portion was cut from the portion found on the floor. The sheet on the bottom bunk had tears in it consistent with the pieces of sheet found tied to the top bunk and on the floor.

Detective Bradley spoke with a staff member who was present when the decedent was found. He was told that the sheet was around the decedent's neck, his hands were to his side and his feet were extended out. He concluded that from **Constant and the sheet portions**, the information obtained was consistent with what was found.

He had the officers close the gate (cell door); once closed he tried to manually open it, but was unable to indicating that is was properly functioning. (Exhibit A4)

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At approximately 10:45am, lunch trays were served; there was no indication or documentation that Inmate Furgharsen did not eat his lunch.

Inmate Furqharsen was a second second second on August 11, 2009.

The crime scene photographs taken by Okeechobee Sheriff's Office were requested and will be forwarded to the *Ft. Lauderdale Field Office upon receipt.*

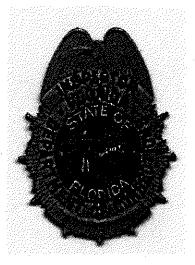


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"I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any 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."

Investigator's Signature

<u>10/15/09</u> Date

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Kathlen Marrell

Senior Inspector Prison Inspector Supervisor Lead Inspector Supervisor Chief Prison Inspector Deputy/Inspector General

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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

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A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

- 1. Affidavit by Sergeant Ellis
- 2. Affidavit by Officer Garcia

3. Dorm Logs

4. Report by Detective Bradley

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

None