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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 13-816



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Case Number: 13-816

Inspector: Inspector Nelson Rios

Date Assigned or Initiated: 01-25-2013

Complaint Against: N/A

Complainant: N/A

Use of Force Number: N/A

Charges: N/A

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes No

Chief Inspector General Case Number: N/A

I.



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AUTHORITY

The Florida Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General, by designation of the Secretary and ss. 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.

IV.



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DEFINITIONS

Closed by Arrest:

The reported criminal offense for which probable cause exists that an identified subject committed the offense and one for which arrest or formal prosecution is initiated.

Exceptionally Cleared:

The reported criminal offense for which probable cause exists that an identified subject committed the offense, but one for which an arrest or formal charge is not initiated. Or in the case of a death investigation when no evidence exist that the death was the result of a crime or neglect.

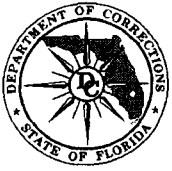
Open Inactive:

The reported criminal offense for which a criminal investigation commenced, but where evidence is insufficient to close as unfounded, closed by arrest, or exceptionally cleared.

Unfounded:

The reported criminal offense is not supported by evidence or facts obtained.

V.



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PREDICATE

On January 24, 2013, at approximately 08:33 pm, Inmate Terrance Bromell DC# 456412 was observed by Officer Rachel Williams crawling through the rails of the top tier, yelling and then jumping off head first onto the concrete floor. [REDACTED] and at 08:55 pm, Inmate Bromell was pronounced dead.

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 January 24, 2013, Inmate Bromell was observed jumping off the second tier by Officer Williams, Inmate Swint and Inmate Brown.

Per the digital video recording, there were no administrative issues or concerns. The crime scene was preserved. [REDACTED]

Per the Control Room Log, all outside agencies were immediately contacted.

Per the Medical Examiner's Report, Inmate Bromell's manner of death was ruled as [REDACTED]

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of Inspector Nelson Rios the case be termed as follows:

1. Exceptionally Cleared