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Inspector General Case #: 11-2-3077

Facility: Suwannee Correctional Institution

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Gainesville West / Region 2

Incident Date: March 23, 2011

Time: 5:05 PM

Inspector: Daniel Gonzalez

Date of Report: July 6, 2011

Case Type: A

- Case of Special Interest
- Confidential Medical Information
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Number (if applicable)
- Department of Corrections presented to State Attorney Declined Accepted
- Use of Force (UOF) Number (if applicable)
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Addendum
- Wing Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

On March 23, 2011, at approximately 5:05 PM, Officer Thomas Landrum reported that while in quad 4 of G-Dormitory, Inmate Antonio Rosales # C01566, who was housed in cell G4213 with Inmate Andres Islas # 646210, stated that Inmate Islas needed help. Inmate Rosales was removed from the cell while Inmate Islas was found [REDACTED] lying on the cell floor with a ligature tied around his neck. Officer Landrum removed the ligature from Inmate Islas' neck, and with the assistance of additional security staff [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Islas deceased at 5:40 PM. The Office of the Inspector General Gainesville Field Office was notified of this incident and responded to the institution. During the preliminary investigation by the Office of the Inspector General, it was determined that Inmate Islas was [REDACTED] to death by Inmate Antonio Rosales. This incident was entered into the Management Information Notification System (MINS) and assigned to Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez for investigation on March 24, 2011.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

As a result of this investigation, it is determined that Inmate Antonio Rosales # C01566 violated F.S. 782.04 (Murder), when from a premeditated design he effected the death of Inmate Andres Islas # 646210 by strangulation and beating. The State Attorney's Office has requested a copy of this investigation for presentation to a grand jury.

COPY



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Witness(es):	Alfaro, Freddy	Inmate / # K71733	12/24/85	
	Adams, John	Inmate / # J38702	10/12/86	
	Melendez, Erick	Inmate / # X52547	11/25/82	
	Burney, Allan	Inmate / # R63892	07/12/88	
	McCall, Charlie	Inmate / # 713927	10/07/58	
Subject(s):	Rosales, Antonio	Inmate / # C01566	11/25/66	

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony Misdemeanor Date of Arrest: Date Reported:

Final Court Action(s):

Other Agency Case Number:

FINDINGS:

On March 23, 2011, at approximately 5:30 PM, Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez was instructed by Interim Inspector Supervisor Joseph Aretino to respond to a possible homicide at Suwannee Correctional Institution Main Unit. At approximately 6:20 PM, Inspector Gonzalez arrived at Suwannee CI, and met with Inspector Aretino [REDACTED] Inspector Christopher Hancock, Inspector Arlene Howell, and additional institutional staff were also present. Senior Inspectors Joseph Hamner and Kevin Snow arrived at the institution shortly afterwards.

During a briefing of the incident, it was learned that at approximately 5:05 PM, Officer Thomas Landrum reported that he conducted a security check on quad 4 of G-Dormitory. Landrum reported that Inmate Antonio Rosales # C01566, who was housed in cell G4213 with Inmate Andres Islas # 646210, stated that Inmate Islas needed help. Inmate Rosales was removed from the cell while Inmate Islas [REDACTED] and lying on the cell floor with a ligature tied around his neck. Officer Landrum removed the ligature from Inmate Islas' neck, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Islas deceased at 5:40 PM.

The body of Inmate Islas [REDACTED] Inmate Islas [REDACTED] dressed in white boxer shorts and a torn white t-shirt. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inmate Islas' body was photographed by Inspectors Gonzalez and Hancock. Two pieces of a white sock [REDACTED] were observed on the emergency room floor. It was learned during the preliminary investigation that the items



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were portions of the suspected ligature which was tied around Inmate Islas' neck. The items were photographed and collected as evidence. (Exhibits # A-1, # B-1, # B-2)

At approximately 7:00 PM, Inspectors Gonzalez, Aretino, Hamner, Hancock, Howell and Snow arrived at G-Dormitory. Inmate Antonio Rosales was in a holding cell and supervised by security staff. Inspectors Gonzalez and Hamner arrived at the holding cell [REDACTED]. The clothing and shoes worn by Rosales were removed from him and found to have [REDACTED]. Rosales appeared [REDACTED] which consisted of a [REDACTED]. Inmate [REDACTED] photographed by Inspector Gonzalez. Inmate Rosales [REDACTED] by Inspector Howell for possible [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] clothing worn by Rosales was collected as evidence. Inmate Rosales was then escorted by security staff [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] (Note: On March 25, 2011, Inspector Christopher Hancock took additional photographs of Inmate [REDACTED] Florida State Prison which are labeled as Exhibit # B-3.) (Exhibits # A-2, # B-1 - # B-3)

Inspector Supervisor Edward Rawls arrived at G-Dormitory and met with the inspectors. Inspectors Gonzalez, Hamner, Aretino, Howell and Supervisor Rawls arrived at cell G4213 which was found to be secured and monitored by security staff. The cell door was opened and inspected. The cell had multiple items of property, clothing and linen scattered throughout the cell. Large amounts of [REDACTED] were present on the cell walls and floor. Inspectors Hamner and Howell entered the cell and processed the scene for evidence. Inside the cell on the floor were two white socks tied together [REDACTED] (suspected ligature). It appeared that one of the socks had been cut (presumably by Officer Landrum using ligature cutters) and the knot for the two socks was still intact and tight. The cell and items were photographed with several items of possible evidence being recovered. There were no weapons found in the cell. Cell G4213 was resealed and secured. (Note: On March 25, 2011, a follow-up search of the cell was conducted by Inspectors Arlene Howell and Daryl Harrell for any possible weapons with none found. The cell was resealed and secured.) (Exhibits # B-1, # B-2)

Inspector Gonzalez and Supervisor Rawls departed G-Dormitory for the [REDACTED] while Inspectors Aretino, Hamner and Howell finished processing the crime scene. Upon arrival [REDACTED] Supervisor Rawls and Inspector Gonzalez inspected the body of Inmate Islas. Supervisor Rawls and Inspector Gonzalez secured paper evidence bags over the hands and right lower leg of Inmate Islas to preserve possible evidence to be collected at the autopsy.

Inspectors Hancock and Snow interviewed several inmates who were housed in quad 4 of G-Dormitory. Two of the interviewed inmates were housed in cell G4112 (which is directly below cell G4213). The inmates indicated that around 4:40 PM, they heard what sounded like feet stomping which lasted for about ten minutes followed by a loud thump. After the loud thump, the noise abruptly stopped. The inmates were unable to see what transpired in the cell.

The fixed wing video recordings from quad 4 of G-Dormitory were downloaded to compact disc and reviewed. The video cameras did not capture any activity inside of the cell and [REDACTED]. The following activity was observed on the recordings:



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- 15:08 – Several inmates are observed in the day room area. Inmate Rosales was escorted from the day room to cell G4213 and secured in the cell by Officer Jerry Thomas. *
- 15:29 – Inmate Islas was escorted from the day room to cell G4213 and secured in the cell by Officer Jerry Thomas. *(Note: the remaining inmates in the day room are also secured in their assigned cells prior to shift change at 16:00) **
- 16:15 – Officer Landrum entered the quad and conducted a security check.
- 16:23 – Officers Acree and Clark entered the quad to conduct count.
- 16:24 – Officer Acree stopped momentarily and looked into cell G4213 and continued on.
- 16:25 – Officer Clark passed by cell G4213 and looked into the cell as he passed by.
- 16:26 – Sergeant Greene entered the quad to conduct lock checks.
- 16:28 – Sergeant Greene passed by cell G4213, continued on and exited the quad.
- 16:32 – Unknown officer entered the quad and departed the quad with three unknown inmates at 16:37.
- 16:44 – Officer Landrum passed by cell G4213 during a security check and looked into the cell as he passed by.
- 16:45 – Officer Landrum sat at a table in the dayroom of the quad and appeared to be completing paperwork.
- 16:47 – Officer Landrum exited the quad.
- 17:15 – Officer Landrum and Officer Stratton entered the quad with two unknown inmates and the food cart. Officer Landrum then responded to cell G4213 and called on his radio. Officer Stratton then responded to the cell.
- 17:16 – Sergeant Greene entered the quad and responded to cell G4213.
- 17:17 – Inmate Rosales was removed from cell G4213 and escorted to the holding cell.
- 17:18 – Sergeant Greene and Officer Landrum entered cell G4213.
- 17:18:27 – Officer Landrum ran out of cell G4213 and exited the quad.
- 17:19 – Officer Landrum returned to cell G4213 [REDACTED] Officer Landrum exited the quad.
- 17:19:44 – Officer Landrum returned to cell G4213.
- 17:20 – Captain Butler arrived at cell G4213.
- 17:22 – Additional security staff members entered the quad [REDACTED]
- 17:23 – Captain Butler and Officer Landrum [REDACTED] Inmate Islas [REDACTED] Sergeant Greene then secured the cell door. (Exhibit # B-4)

**Note: The video recordings prove that two inmates entered cell G4213 alive but only one inmate departed the cell alive. During the time when both inmates were inside the cell, the cell door remained secured and was not opened again until Inmate Rosales was removed from the cell. The video recordings from the entrance of G-Dormitory, South Tower and medical building show [REDACTED] by staff as Inmate Rosales [REDACTED]* (Exhibit # B-4)

The G-Dormitory Housing Unit Log was reviewed. The log of events entered by Officer Landrum documented the security checks, inspections and the discovery of Inmate Islas. (Exhibit # A-3)



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Inspector Gonzalez and Supervisor Rawls interviewed Inmate Rosales [REDACTED] with the assistance of Officer Jose Rivas, who was used as an interpreter due to Inmate Rosales only being able to speak Spanish. With the assistance of Officer Rivas, Inmate Rosales was advised that he was being interviewed as the subject of a homicide investigation and was read his Miranda warning. Inmate Rosales stated that he was not ready to talk but did not invoke his right or request for an attorney. The interview ended with no statements made or questions answered by Rosales concerning the incident. (Exhibit # B-6)

Inmate Islas' body was released to Archer Funeral Home for transport to the 4th District Medical Examiner's Office in Jacksonville, Florida. Investigator Sarah Desuyo was contacted at the Medical Examiner's Office and she advised that an autopsy was scheduled for March 24, 2011. The autopsy was conducted by Dr. Jesse Giles and attended by Inspectors Gonzalez and Hancock. At the request of the Medical Examiner's Office, the ligature portions were brought to the autopsy for examination. The ligature portions consisted of the two socks tied together that were recovered from the cell and the two shorter portions of sock that were recovered from the emergency room. During the autopsy, Inmate Islas' [REDACTED] jewelry (ring from left hand), tweezers (which were hidden in undershorts) were collected as evidence by the Medical Examiner's Office and later turned over to Inspector Gonzalez. The items were submitted and logged into the Gainesville Field Office evidence room. Dr. Giles determined the cause of death was [REDACTED] the manner of death as a homicide. A copy of the forensic autopsy report was received and is attached as an exhibit. (Exhibits # A-4, # B-1, # B-2)

On April 19, 2011, Inspector Gonzalez met with Assistant State Attorneys Craig Jacobsen, Karen Hatton and Chief Investigator Lisa Long at Suwannee C.I. Main Unit to examine cell G4213. At the request of Jacobsen, Inspector Gonzalez obtained [REDACTED] on the walls and floor of the cell for submission to the FDLE crime lab. A hand-held video recording of the cell was also obtained at Jacobsen's request. On April 22, 2011, the cell was released by Inspector Gonzalez. (Exhibits # B-1, # B-5)

All evidence obtained during this investigation was transferred and logged into the Gainesville Field Office West evidence room for storage. At the request of Assistant State Attorney Craig Jacobsen, the following items were submitted to the FDLE crime lab for analysis: The portions of socks that were recovered from the cell and emergency room; Swabs [REDACTED] from Inmate Islas, and boxer shorts worn by Inmates Islas and Rosales. (Exhibit # B-1)

Department of Corrections records indicated that Inmate Antonio Rosales was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences for the kidnapping, rape and attempted murder (by strangulation) of a young girl in Seminole County, Florida. Due to a violent court room outburst during his criminal trial in 2003, he was recommended for close management status upon being received by the Department of Corrections. Rosales was later convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison for the strangulation of a woman in the state of Arizona. During his incarceration in Florida he remained disciplinary report free and was downgraded to close management level 3.



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In April of 2009, Inmate Andres Islas was recommended for close management level two due to an assault on another inmate. On May 25, 2010, Inmate Islas was transferred to Suwannee CI and downgraded to close management level three status. On September 15, 2010, Inmate Antonio Rosales was received at Suwannee CI on close management level two status. On January 7, 2011, Inmate Rosales was downgraded to close management level three status and assigned to cell G4213. On March 16, 2011, Inmate Islas was assigned to cell G4213 with Inmate Rosales. There was no documentation of any previous incidents between Inmates Islas and Rosales.

During the investigation, incident reports were collected and all involved staff and inmates were interviewed.

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, Officer Thomas Landrum reported the following:

On March 23, 2011, at approximately 5:05 PM, while assigned as G-Dormitory housing officer, he conducted security check on Quad 4 when he approached cell G4213, which housed Inmates Antonio Rosales # C01566 and Andres Islas # 646210. Inmate Rosales stated, "Hey, this man needs help." He then notified his housing supervisor Sergeant J. Greene. Inmate Rosales submitted to hand restraints and was escorted to holding cell # 1 by Officer B. Stratton. Sergeant J. Greene entered cell G4213 and ordered him to retrieve the ligature cutter from G-Dormitory control room. Upon his return to cell G4213 with the ligature cutters, Sergeant Greene advised him to cut through the material wrapped around Inmate Islas' neck which he did. [REDACTED] Sergeant Greene that Inmate Islas [REDACTED] Captain K. Butler responded to the cell and requested [REDACTED] which was retrieved by Officer Lord. He, Captain Butler and Officer Stratton [REDACTED] (Exhibit # A-5)

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, Sergeant John Greene reported the following:

At approximately 5:05 PM, while assigned as G-Dormitory Housing Supervisor, he was summoned to Quad 4 of G-Dormitory by Officer T. Landrum. Upon arrival at cell G4213, which housed Inmates Antonio Rosales # C01566 and Andres Islas # 646210, Officer Landrum advised that Inmate Rosales told him that Inmate Islas needed help. He then ordered Inmate Rosales to submit to handcuff restraints and he complied. He then ordered cell G4213 to be opened and Officer B. Stratton escorted Inmate Rosales to G-1 holding cell. He entered cell G4213 [REDACTED] Inmate Islas who had a piece of cloth material tied tightly around his neck as he was lying on his back. He reached down and shook Inmate Islas and called his name [REDACTED] He called via hand held radio to the control room [REDACTED] (Exhibit # A-6)

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, Officer Branden Stratton reported the following:

On March 23, 2011, at approximately 5:05 PM, while assigned as G-Dormitory Housing Officer, he approached cell door G4213 with Officer Thomas Landrum present. Inmates Antonio Rosales # C01566 and Andres Islas # 646210 were housed in cell G4213. At that time, Inmate Rosales was standing at the cell door and Officer Landrum advised him to place Inmate Rosales in hand restraints.



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Inmate Rosales complied with hand restraints and was escorted to holding cell # 1. He then re-entered quad 4 to assist Officer Blanton Lord [REDACTED] to the cell front. He then assisted Captain Kenneth Butler and Officer Landrum [REDACTED]. (Exhibit # A-7)

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, [REDACTED] reported the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # A-8)

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, [REDACTED] reported the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # A-9)

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, [REDACTED] reported the following:

[REDACTED]



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(Exhibit # A-10)

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, Officer Jesse Schimpfle reported the following:

On March 23, 2011, at approximately 5:30 PM, while assigned as Internal Security Officer, he was summoned to G-Dormitory and was ordered by Lieutenant William Cannon to secure and remain at the crime scene of cell G4213. He was instructed to admit and allow only authorized persons to enter and exit the cell. He remained at the cell front until approximately 9:38 PM, when he was relieved of his duties by the inspectors. The cell was sealed and secured. (Exhibit # A-11)

In an incident report submitted on March 23, 2011, Sergeant Scott Burleson reported the following:

On March 23, 2011, at approximately 6:55 PM, while assigned as D-Housing Unit Supervisor, he was summoned to report [REDACTED] Captain Kenneth Butler. At approximately 7:05 PM, he assumed a post located outside a secured office area. He was instructed by Captain Butler to ensure there was no entry into this area, except by staff assigned to the Office of the Inspector General. The secure office area contained the body of Inmate Andres Islas # 646210. He maintained his post until approximately 11:00 PM, when he was instructed by Captain Butler to relinquish the body to staff from Archer Funeral Home. (Exhibit # A-12)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Montrel Green # Y29805 indicated the following:

He was assigned as an orderly in G-Dormitory. He was in quads 1 and 2 of G-Dormitory and was not present in quad 4 during the incident. One of the inmates had recently moved in to the cell where the incident occurred. He was not aware of the inmates' sexual orientation, gambling debts or gang activity. He was not aware of any problems between the inmates. (Note: Inmate Green was assigned to cell G4113.) (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Dwayne Frederick # 047702 indicated the following:

Officer Landrum told the "Mexican guy" to back up to the cell door to be handcuffed. There was also a Cuban inmate assigned to the cell. He was not aware of any problems between the inmates. He heard that the Cuban inmate (Islas) was a member of the Latin Kings at one time and the "Mexican inmate" (Rosales) was a member of MS (MS13). Prior to the incident he was on quad 3 to assist with serving meals to the inmates. (Note: Neither Inmate Islas nor Rosales are confirmed or suspected gang members.) (Exhibit # B-6)



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In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Jamar Hanchell # L63356 indicated the following:

He was not aware of an incident until he saw the officers at the cell. When the food cart entered the quad he heard an inmate knock on the cell door and call for the officer. One inmate was escorted from the cell. He didn't see or hear anything happen inside the cell. One of the inmates recently moved into the cell. The inmates didn't talk to anyone and he was not aware of any problems between them. Several inmates from the quad discussed the incident afterwards and they couldn't figure out why it happened. The inmate who was killed helped other inmates fix radios. He was not aware of any problems between the inmates. (Note: Inmate Hanchell was assigned to cell G4212.) (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Jonathan Soler # M59242 indicated the following:

He just arrived on quad 4 the day before the incident and did not know the inmates involved in the incident. He was assigned to cell G4113 which is below the cell where the incident occurred. He could not see or hear anything that happened in the cell. He was asleep and woke up when the dinner trays were being passed out. Earlier that day the inmate who was killed asked him if he wanted to buy some head phones but he declined the offer. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Marcus Davis # N09670 indicated the following:

He was on quad 3 helping serve meals. When he entered quad 4 he saw Officer Landrum at the cell door calling for help. He could see [REDACTED] by the toilet. He was not aware of any problems between the inmates. One of the inmates fixed radios for other inmates. (Note: Inmate Davis was assigned to cell G4110.) (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Virgil Johns # 799875 indicated the following:

He was assigned as an orderly and was working out in the hallway getting ready to serve meals to the inmates in quad 4. When they entered quad 4 he heard one of the inmates in the cell call for an officer. An officer went to the cell and he could tell the officer was shocked by whatever he saw in the cell. He (Inmate Johns) was then sent to one of the interview rooms and additional staff responded to the quad. He heard someone say, "I think he's dead." The inmate was removed from the cell [REDACTED]. He (Inmate Johns) lived in the neighboring cell (cell G4214) of where the incident occurred but was not aware of any problems between the inmates. One of the inmates was recently moved to the cell.

(Exhibit # B-6)



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In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Carlos Lopez # X47176 indicated the following:

He used to be cellmates with Inmate Antonio Rosales for approximately one month. Rosales is from Guatemala and did not speak English. Rosales was a loner and kept to himself. He was not aware of any problems or a relationship between Inmate Rosales and the other inmate. He didn't see or hear anything happen. *(Note: Inmate Lopez was assigned to cell G4209.)* **(Exhibit # B-6)**

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Freddy Alfaro # K71733 indicated the following:

He was assigned to cell G4112 and had just returned from the showers. At approximately fifteen minutes later or about 4:00 PM he heard what sounded like people wrestling in cell G4213 above his cell. He didn't hear any screaming. He was friends with the two inmates in the cell and didn't know what or why it happened. He does not know if there were any problems between them. He knows the inmates as the Cuban and the Guatemalan. The Cuban inmate (*Islas*) fixed radios for other inmates. The Guatemalan inmate (*Rosales*) kept to himself. **(Exhibit # B-6)**

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Edrick Melendez # X52547 indicated the following:

At approximately 3:40 PM, he talked to the Cuban and Guatemalan inmates. He talked to the Cuban inmate about repairing his headphones. He was not aware of any problems between the inmates. The Guatemalan inmate was always quiet and didn't speak English. Sometime after count he heard what sounded like people wrestling in the cell above him (*Melendez was assigned to cell G4112*) and it lasted for about fifteen minutes. He did not know why it happened. He used to work out with the Guatemalan and never noticed any problems from him. **(Exhibit # B-6)**

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate John Adams # J38702 indicated the following:

He was housed in cell G4214, which is located right next to the cell where the incident occurred. He was in quad 1 helping serve meals to inmates during the incident. He was not aware of any problems between the inmates. The inmate who was killed had recently moved into the cell. **(Exhibit # B-6)**

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, Inmate Allan Burney # R63892 indicated the following:

He was assigned to one of the cells (*cell G4212*) next to the cell where the incident occurred however he declined to provide a statement. **(Exhibit # B-6)**



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In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Kevin Snow and Inspector Christopher Hancock on March 23, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # B-6)

On April 14, 2011, Senior Inspector Gonzalez and Inspector Hector Rodriguez interviewed Inmate Antonio Rosales at Florida State Prison. During the interview Inmate Rosales indicated that he would provide a statement. However, after being advised of his Miranda warning (*in Spanish by Inspector Rodriguez*) he invoked his right to remain silent and declined to answer questions or provide a statement without an attorney present.

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, Senior [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, Senior [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

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In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

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In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, Officer Thomas Landrum indicated the following:

He has been a correctional officer for a year and a few months. He was assigned to G-Dormitory for the past six months and assigned to G-Dormitory, quad 4 during third shift on March 23, 2011. He reviewed his incident report and indicated that it is an accurate description of his involvement in the incident. At approximately 5:00 PM, he entered quad 4 to begin the meal serving and to conduct a security check. He went up to the second floor and noticed Inmate Rosales standing at the cell door stating that Inmate Islas needed help. He then observed Inmate Islas lying on the floor. Inmate Rosales was handcuffed and removed from the cell by Officer Stratten and Sergeant Greene. He and Sergeant Greene then entered the cell and observed Inmate Islas lying on his back. Inmate Islas' [REDACTED] He saw what appeared to be some type of material wrapped around Inmate Islas' neck and Sergeant Greene told him to retrieve the ligature cutters. He returned with the ligature cutters and used them to remove the material from Inmate Islas' neck. He believed Sergeant Greene [REDACTED] it appeared to him (*Landrum*) that Islas was already deceased. [REDACTED]

He did not [REDACTED] He is more familiar with Inmate Islas than Inmate Rosales and he never noticed any problems between the inmates. He conducted the security checks in quad 4 from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM. When he conducted his security checks at 4:00 PM and 4:30 PM, he didn't notice any problems and didn't hear any arguing between the inmates. He doesn't remember what the inmates were doing but indicated that Inmate Islas was alive during the security checks. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, Officer Branden Stratton indicated the following:

He reviewed his incident report and indicated that his report is an accurate description of his involvement and knowledge of the incident. He was the G-dormitory officer assigned to Quad 3 but he entered Quad 4 to assist with the feeding of the evening meal. Officer Landrum called him up to cell G4213 to handcuff Inmate Rosales and remove him from the cell. He noticed that Inmate Rosales kept [REDACTED] After he escorted and secured Inmate Rosales in the holding cell, he returned back to cell G4213 to assist the officers. He noticed that Inmate Islas was lying on the floor face up near the toilet with no movement [REDACTED] It looked like Inmate Islas [REDACTED] He helped Captain Butler and Officer Landrum [REDACTED] Captain Butler and Officer Landrum [REDACTED] while he remained in the dormitory. He is not familiar with Inmates Islas and Rosales. (Exhibit # B-6)



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In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, Lieutenant William Cannon indicated the following:

He supervised two close management units and a mental health unit. G-Dormitory was one of the units that he supervised. He was at the dining hall with Captain Butler supervising the feeding of the evening meal when they received a call on the radio regarding [REDACTED] in G-Dormitory. He and Captain Butler responded to the dormitory and went up to the cell. Captain Butler and two other officers entered the cell so he (Cannon) went back downstairs to direct other staff and to secure the quad. When Inmate Islas was being removed from the cell it looked like [REDACTED] because [REDACTED]. He did not remember any previous issues or problems with Inmates Islas and Rosales.

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 20, 2011, Captain Kenneth Butler indicated the following:

He was the third shift supervisor on March 23, 2011. He heard a call on the radio that the Incident Command System was activated and his assistance was requested in G-Dormitory. He went to quad 4 and entered a cell on the top tier. [REDACTED] Sergeant Greene and Officer Landrum were present in the cell. Inmate Islas was lying on the cell floor face up [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that she thought that Inmate Islas [REDACTED]. He then advised [REDACTED] that they needed to [REDACTED]. He, Officer Landrum and Officer Stratton [REDACTED] because they couldn't wait any longer because they needed [REDACTED] soon as possible. They [REDACTED] outside where they were met by [REDACTED].

Inmate Rosales had already been placed in the holding cell prior to his arrival at G-Dormitory. He noticed that Inmate Rosales' [REDACTED]. Rosales also had [REDACTED]. Inmate Rosales did not make any statements to him. He instructed Officer Schimpfle to secure the cell and Officer Evans supervised Inmate Rosales at the holding cell. He was not aware of any previous problems between Inmates Islas and Rosales. He did not have any interaction with the inmates prior to the incident.

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 21, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 21, 2011, Sergeant John Greene indicated the following:

He was on quad 2 of G-Dormitory when he heard Officer Landrum call on the radio to meet with him at quad 4. When he arrived at cell G4213, Officer Stratton removed Inmate Rosales from the cell. Inmate Islas was lying on the cell floor on his back with his feet facing towards the cell door. [REDACTED] and he noticed that Inmate Islas had what appeared to be a piece of cloth or a sock tied tightly around his neck. The knot was tied so tight that Inmate [REDACTED] and he was unable to untie it. Inmate Islas' [REDACTED] He told Officer Landrum to retrieve the ligature cutters and he called for assistance from other staff. [REDACTED] He is not sure [REDACTED] When Officer Landrum returned and cut the ligature from Inmate Islas' neck, [REDACTED] Inmate Isla's [REDACTED] noticed that Inmate Islas' [REDACTED] Captain Butler arrived and ordered staff [REDACTED] The cell was secured and an officer was posted at the cell. Inmate Islas never [REDACTED]

Greene indicated that sometime between 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM, he conducted a lock inspection of the cell doors in Quad 4. He went by every cell door and shook the doors to ensure they were secured. He did not notice anything out of the ordinary when he checked cell door G4213. He did not hear any arguing or disturbances in the cell. He was not aware of any previous problems between Inmates Islas and Rosales. He was more familiar with Inmate Islas than Inmate Rosales. Inmate Islas was recently moved into the cell with Inmate Rosales. He did not hear any of the responding staff say that Inmate Islas was hanging in the cell. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on April 21, 2011, Officer Jesse Schimpfle indicated the following:

He was summoned to G-Dormitory by Lieutenant Cannon to secure the crime scene at cell G4213. When he arrived the cell door was closed and secured. He kept a log of all people who entered the cell. There were no unauthorized persons who entered the cell. He had no other involvement. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained on April 21, 2011, Officer James Evans indicated the following:

He was assigned as Internal Security Officer and was instructed to report to G-Dormitory to observe Inmate Antonio Rosales who had been placed in holding cell # 1 in G-Dormitory. Inmate Rosales appeared [REDACTED] and he kept standing up and [REDACTED]



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sitting down. Rosales did not make any statements. He noticed [REDACTED] Rosales. [REDACTED] He escorted Inmate Rosales [REDACTED] Inmate Rosales was then placed in a holding cell and later transferred to Florida State Prison. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained on April 21, 2011, Sergeant Scott Burleson indicated the following:

He was instructed by Captain Butler to secure the room where the body of Inmate Islas was secured. He remained at his post until the funeral home picked up the body. No unauthorized persons entered the area and he had no other involvement in the incident. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained on April 22, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on May 4, 2011, Officer Dennis Acree indicated the following:

He was assigned as G-Dormitory, quad 1 housing officer on the date and shift of the incident. He assisted with conducting a formal count in quad 4 at approximately 4:00 PM. While conducting the count he walked by cell G4213 and saw Inmate Rosales standing at the cell door. He ordered Inmate Rosales to sit down on his bunk and he complied. Inmate Rosales did not say anything. He saw Inmate Islas lying down (*on his back*) on his bunk with his feet and knees slid up as if he was reading. He was not sure if he actually was reading because he was unable to see his face. It appeared that Islas was ok because he saw his legs moving [REDACTED] and he didn't notice [REDACTED] anything out of order in the cell. Sometime after he returned to quad 1 he heard a call on the radio of an emergency in quad 4. He did not respond to the emergency because he was responsible for supervising the inmates in quad 1. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on May 4, 2011, Officer Sarah Moore indicated the following:

She was assigned as G-Dormitory housing officer on the date and shift of the incident. She was assigned in the officer station of the dormitory and did not go out into the housing quads. She heard a



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call on the radio of an emergency. Officer Landrum ran into the officer station and retrieved the ligature cutters. She did not respond to the cell because she was responsible for the officer station operations. She could not see into cell G4213 from the officer station. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on May 9, 2011, Officer Kevin Clark indicated the following:

He was assigned as G-Dormitory Housing Officer on the date and shift of the incident. At approximately 4:15 PM, he conducted a formal count of quad 4. During the count he walked by each cell and verified that each inmate was sitting up on their assigned bunks. Inmates Rosales and Islas were both sitting up on their bunks during the count and he did not observe anything unusual. At approximately 4:30 PM, he was re-assigned to C-Dormitory due to staff shortage. He heard the call on the radio when ICS was activated but he did not respond since he was already re-assigned to C-Dormitory. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on May 11, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on May 11, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on May 11, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

[REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]
(Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained by Senior Inspector Daniel Gonzalez on May 12, 2011, Officer Jerry Thomas indicated the following:

He was assigned as G-Dormitory, quad 4 Housing Officer on March 23, 2011, during second shift (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM). During the shift, the inmates in quad 4 were released from their cells into the day room to watch television. He did not remember any problems or issues with Inmates Islas and Rosales. Neither inmate made any statements to him that they were having any problems. He worked in G-Dormitory occasionally so he is not very familiar with the inmates. (Exhibit # B-6)

In a sworn, audio-recorded statement obtained on May 13, 2011, Officer Blanton Lord indicated the following:

He was assigned to quad 1 of G-Dormitory during third shift when he heard an emergency call on the radio from Officer Landrum. He responded to quad 4 and met with Officer Landrum and Captain Butler at one of the cells. He observed [REDACTED] inmate lying on the cell floor who appeared [REDACTED]. Captain Butler ordered him [REDACTED] from the officer's station. He [REDACTED] and returned to the cell where he, Captain Butler and Officer Stratton [REDACTED]. Captain Butler and Officer Landrum [REDACTED]. He was unaware of any previous problems between Inmates Islas and Rosales. (Exhibit # B-6)

On May 26, 2011, Inmate Charlie McCall # 713927 was interviewed at Suwannee C.I. due to him contacting the Inspector General's Office claiming to have information in reference to this investigation. In a sworn, audio-recorded statement Inmate McCall indicated the following:

He was assigned to quad 1 on the date of the incident and was not present on quad 4 when the incident occurred. Inmate Islas was previously assigned to quad 1 in G-Dormitory but he and Islas were not cellmates. Inmate Islas was known by the nickname "Radio shack" because he repaired radios for other inmates. The day before Inmate Islas was moved from quad 1 to quad 4 he (Islas) told him about some problems he had with Inmate Rosales but did not say what the problems were. After Inmate Islas was killed he asked two inmate orderlies from quad 4 what happened. The inmates told him that Inmate Islas had asked Officer Landrum for a cell change about an hour before he was found deceased. McCall was unable to identify the two orderlies but indicated they were both Spanish. One of the inmates went by the name of "Victorio" and was assigned directly below Inmate Islas' cell in quad 4. The inmate told him he could hear something going on in Inmate Islas' cell. The other inmate orderly was assigned to quad 4 but he did not know which cell. The inmates did not say what the problem was between Inmates Islas and Rosales. McCall indicated that from his quad he was able to see Inmate Islas [REDACTED] but could not see inside of the cell. (Exhibit # B-6)

Note: Inmate McCall was the only inmate who alleged that Inmates Islas and Rosales were having problems. While Inmate "Victorio" was not identified, several inmates who were interviewed included



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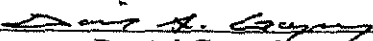
orderlies and Hispanic inmates who were housed directly below cell G4213 (Inmates Freddy Alfaro, Edrick Melendez and Johnathan Soler were housed directly below cell G4213). The information provided by Inmate McCall was not supported by the witnesses from quad 4 who were interviewed and the investigation finds no evidence to support the allegations.



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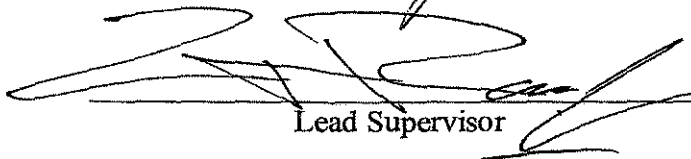
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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. G-Dormitory Housing Unit Log dated March 23, 2011.
4. Autopsy Report – Inmate Andres Islas # 646210.
5. Incident Report – Officer Thomas Landrum
6. Incident Report – Sergeant John Greene
7. Incident Report – Officer Branden Stratton
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. Incident Report – Officer Jesse Schimpfle
12. Incident Report – Sergeant Scott Burleson

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. Physical evidence being stored in the Gainesville Field Office Evidence Room (*itemized list of evidence maintained in evidence room log*) to include:
 - Multiple items collected from cell G4213 and emergency room at Suwannee C.I.
 - Clothing and shoes collected from Inmate Antonio Rosales # C01566.
 - Clothing and items received from the 4th District Medical Examiner's Office.
2. Two compact discs containing photographs of crime scene, Inmate Islas, Inmate Rosales and autopsy.
3. One compact disc containing additional photographs of Inmate Islas and Inmate Rosales taken by Inspector Christopher Hancock.
4. Six compact discs containing the fixed wing video recordings from G-Dormitory, South Tower and [REDACTED] (*Discs labeled as exhibits # B-4a - # B-4f*).
5. One compact disc containing the hand held video recording of cell G4213.
6. Two compact discs containing the audio recordings of interviews with the following:
 - Officer Thomas Landrum
 - Sergeant John Greene
 - Captain Kenneth Butler
 - Lieutenant William Cannon
 - Officer Branden Stratton
 - Officer Blanton Lord

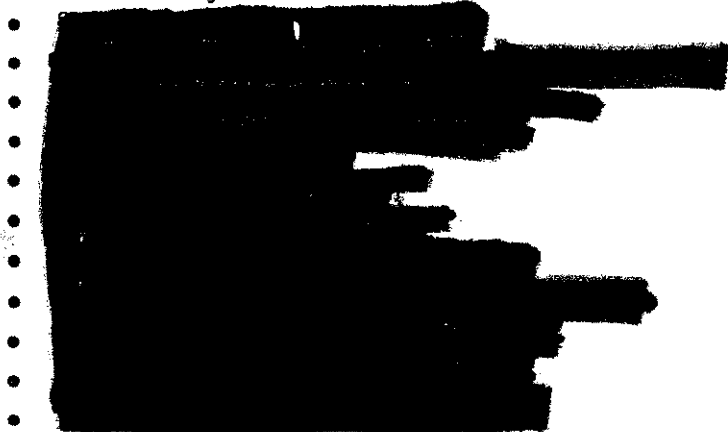


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- Officer James Evans
- Sergeant Scott Burleson
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- Officer Sarah Moore
- Officer Kevin Clark
- Officer Jerry Thomas



- Inmate Montrel Green # Y29805
- Inmate Dwayne Frederick # 047702
- Inmate Jamar Hanchell # L63356
- Inmate Jonathan Soler # M59242
- Inmate Marcus Davis # N09670
- Inmate Virgil Johns # 799875
- Inmate Carlos Lopez # X47176
- Inmate Freddy Alfaro # K71733
- Inmate John Adams # J38702
- Inmate Erick Melendez # X52547
- Inmate Allan Burney # R63892
- Inmate Antonio Rosales # C01566
- Inmate Charlie McCall # 713927