

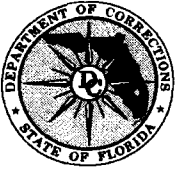
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 14-528

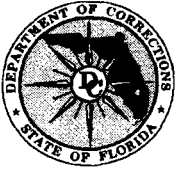


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Case Number: 14-528

Inspector: Inspector Daryl Harrell

Date Assigned or Initiated: 01-14-2014

Complaint Against: N/A

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: Hamilton Correctional Institution

Complainant: N/A

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes No

Equal Employment Opportunity Investigation: Yes No

Chief Inspector General Case Number:



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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.



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V. PREDICATE

On January 13, 2014, Sergeant Register was supervising the inmates departing from the recreation field when he and Officer William Smith observed Inmate Brooks, Gary DC#810246 performing one handed pull ups. Sergeant Register then observed Inmate Brooks fall to the ground. Sergeant Register responded and observed that Inmate Brooks [REDACTED] but he [REDACTED]. At approximately 2:59 p.m., [REDACTED] arrived on the scene. Sergeant Register escorted [REDACTED] and Inmate Brooks [REDACTED] at approximately 3:00 p.m. At approximately 3:01 p.m. Inmate Brooks was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who determined [REDACTED] were needed. [REDACTED] at approximately 3:19 p.m. and at approximately 3:35 p.m. Inmate Brooks was pronounced dead [REDACTED]

This information was reported via MINS to the Office of Inspector General on January 13, 2014, and assigned to Inspector Daryl Harrell as a criminal investigation on January 14, 2014.

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:

Dr. Jesse Giles conducted the autopsy of Inmate Gary Brooks on January 14, 2014. During the autopsy examination Dr. Giles discovered [REDACTED]

Reportedly Inmate Brooks was the victim of an attempted murder 10-15 years earlier (*date unknown*) at an unknown address in Green Cove Springs, Fl., with [REDACTED] with resulting [REDACTED]. Reportedly [REDACTED]

There were no [REDACTED] or police records available.

Dr. Giles listed the cause of death to be [REDACTED]. Dr. Giles also listed a contributory factor as [REDACTED]. The cause of death was [REDACTED] based on the attempted murder incident 10-15 years earlier.



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VII. CHARGES

N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of Inspector Daryl Harrell, the death of Inmate Gary Brooks was natural and should be termed as follows:

1. Unfounded