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Case Number: 11-2-1425



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Inspector General Case #: 11-2-1425

Facility: Baker C.I.

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Gainesville West/Region2

Incident Date: February 8, 2011 Time: 9:27PM

Inspector: Joseph Hamner

Date of Report: October 19, 2011

Case Type: A

- Case of Special Interest
- Confidential [REDACTED]
- 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:

At approximately 9:27PM on February 8, 2011, General Population Inmate Anthony McDonough reportedly collapsed in his cell and was found [REDACTED] upon security and [REDACTED] members being summoned to the cell by inmates. [REDACTED] Inmate McDonough was pronounced deceased by [REDACTED]. The Office of the Inspector General was notified, responded and began an investigation into the death of Inmate McDonough. This investigation was officially assigned to Inspector Hamner on February 9, 2011.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

The probable cause and manner of Inmate Anthony McDonough's death could not be determined by the Medical Examiner's Office. However, as a result of this investigation, it is determined that there is no evidence of foul play or staff member or inmate misconduct that precipitated or fostered Inmate McDonough's death, therefore, this investigation is **CLOSED**. No allegations were made during interviews of witnesses, no suspicious evidence was observed at the scene and no trauma, injuries or volatile substances were found during autopsy that would cause end of life.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
Complainant:				
Victim:	McDonough, Anthony	DC# 811365	01/09/1971	
Witness(es):	Sanders, Treyce	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	49881
	Smith, Jacob	DC# 323130	09/24/1974	
	Brown, Larry	DC# 914596	09/06/1949	
	Crawford, Marlon	DC# J28642	12/12/1984	
	Fumich, Henry	DC# J13307	12/21/1961	
	Basden, Timothy	DC# 304076	11/12/1975	
	McClendon, Willie	DC# 211100	04/21/1959	
	Wilson, Garland	DC# 131441	05/02/1985	
	Jefferson, Dwayne	Captain	[REDACTED]	10543

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other

Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony Misdemeanor Date of Arrest:

Date Reported:

Other Agency Case Number:

FINDINGS:

At approximately 11:13PM on February 8, 2011, Inspector Hamner received a telephone call from Inspector Supervisor Marilyn Henderson advising that Baker C.I. had reported the death of Inmate Anthony McDonough. Within moments of receiving this call, Inspector Hamner received a telephone call from Baker C.I. Captain Jefferson. Captain Jefferson advised that the body of Inmate McDonough was secured [REDACTED] and that Inmate McDonough's property and cell were also secured. Captain Jefferson advised that an inmate reported to the dormitory officer that Inmate McDonough was [REDACTED] in his cell and that security staff and [REDACTED] responded to the cell. Inmate McDonough was [REDACTED] McDonough was shortly thereafter pronounced deceased by [REDACTED]

Inspector Hamner responded to Baker C.I. and interviewed Sergeant Treyce Sanders. Sergeant Sanders advised that he was in the officer's station of E-dormitory when an inmate (*Larry Brown*) came to the Officer's station



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and advised that an inmate was "down" in his cell and needed help. Sergeant Sanders responded to cell 1117 and found Inmate McDonough on the floor of his cell [REDACTED] McDonough's cellmate, (Jacob Smith) was also in the cell. Sergeant Sanders radioed for [REDACTED] to respond to the dormitory and then ascertained that McDonough [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at which time Sergeant Sanders stepped out of the room. Sergeant Sanders' testimony was consistent with his submitted incident report. (Exhibits A-1 & B-1)

Inspector Hamner proceeded to [REDACTED] and inspected the body of Inmate McDonough. [REDACTED] in addition to dormitory and control room logs, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(Exhibits A-2, A-3 & A-4)

Upon inspection of the body by Inspector Hamner, the body was [REDACTED] and covered with a blanket. An officer was posted outside of the secured door of the [REDACTED] containing the body. Upon removing the blanket, it was observed that Inmate McDonough was clothed with a pair of white tennis shoes, white socks, blue shorts and a white T-shirt. The T-shirt was in a pulled-up position exposing McDonough's torso area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A yellow brown substance that appeared to be tobacco staining was noted on the thumb and index finger. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Photographs of the body were taken by Inspector Hamner and are attached to this report.

(Exhibits A-5 & B-2)

Inspector Hamner made contact with Medical Examiner Chief Investigator C. Weldon and advised her of the death and findings known at that time. Ms. Weldon advised that the body could be released to Archer Funeral Home and that an autopsy would be performed on February 9, 2011.

Inspector Hamner proceeded to E-dormitory, cell# 1117. Upon arrival, the cell was found to be secured. (Upon security's securing the cell during the incident, Cellmate Jacob Smith was removed and secured in another



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cell.) The cell was opened and photographed. No evidence of a fight or struggle was observed in the cell. The cell was searched with no weapons or illegal narcotics being found. [REDACTED]

(Exhibits B-2 & B-3)

Inmate McDonough's cellmate, Inmate Jacob Smith, was interviewed by Inspector Hamner. Inmate Smith testified that he and McDonough had been friends for about 6 or 7 months. He described themselves as close friends but not of a homosexual nature. Inmate McDonough within about the last two weeks received a bunk change into cell 1117 with Inmate Smith. Inmate Smith said that McDonough [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Smith said that McDonough had been complaining about having some of his [REDACTED] Smith advised that just prior to this incident, he and McDonough had just finished eating Ramen Noodles and tuna fish. Inmate McDonough stood up from the foot locker he was sitting on to get a pinch of snuff and said that [REDACTED] McDonough grabbed the top bunk with his right hand and squatted down. McDonough stayed in that position for just a short time and then fell over onto his left side, with his head landing in the corner of the cell nearest to the door opening. (Cell door was not locked but was pulled shut at this time.) Smith went over to McDonough and started calling his name but did not get a response. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] opened the cell door and yelled for the inmate across the hall to go get help. The officer arrived and then called for additional assistance. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inmate Smith indicated that McDonough had recently been released from confinement for "dirty urine" (Urine test positive for illegal drug use) but he has not seen him [REDACTED] since he got out of confinement. Inmate Smith denied having any problems with Inmate McDonough. [REDACTED] were noted to Inmate Smith's [REDACTED] during this interview.) (Exhibit B-1)

Inmate Larry Brown was identified as the inmate that Inmate Smith sent to go get help. Brown was interviewed and advised that he was in his cell, located directly across from McDonough's cell. He was standing at his door when he noticed McDonough's cell open quickly. Inmate Smith was bent down over McDonough and was [REDACTED] Smith yelled for him to go get help and he did. Security and [REDACTED] arrived and removed McDonough from the dormitory. Brown advised that it appeared to him as though Smith and McDonough got along well. Inmate Brown had no information to indicate that there was any foul play or improper conduct on the part of anyone. Inmate Brown felt that whatever happened to McDonough was a [REDACTED] and not caused by anyone else. (Exhibit B-1)

Inmates Crawford, Fumich, Basden, Wilson and McClendon were all assigned to cells immediately surrounding the cell housing McDonough. All of these inmates were interviewed with none of them reporting any suspicious circumstances or signs of foul play. (Exhibit B-1)

E-dormitory is a general population T-building. Each cell houses two inmates. [REDACTED]



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Inspector Hamner attended the autopsy conducted in Alachua County on February 9, 2011 and provided the medical examiner with a copy of Inmate McDonough's Department [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At the conclusion of the autopsy, Doctor William Hamilton advised that he could not provide a probable cause of death at that time. Doctor Hamilton was able to advise that he did [REDACTED] that would be indicative of foul play. [REDACTED]

The Gainesville Field Office received a copy of the completed autopsy report for Inmate Anthony McDonough. The manner of death and probable cause of death were both documented as undetermined. Contact was later made with the Medical Examiner's Office at which time it was confirmed that the autopsy report received by the Gainesville Field Office was the final report and that the cause and manner of death [REDACTED] A copy of the toxicology report was requested and obtained. [REDACTED]

(Exhibits A-6 & A-7)

As of the writing of this report, no kites (*unofficial inmate letters or notes*) have been intercepted or received by the Office of the Inspector General, nor have any official grievances, incident reports, calls to the IG TIPS line or other communications been received making allegations of foul play or inmate or staff misconduct in connection with Inmate McDonough's death. In addition, no such concerns or allegations were voiced by the witnesses during their interviews. IG logs as well as the Corrections Data Center database were searched with no indications of Inmate McDonough reporting any complaints or concerns as to his safety or wellbeing. Although the cause of Inmate McDonough's death [REDACTED] this investigation is considered closed as there are no indications of foul play, staff or inmate misconduct or additional leads to follow.



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Joseph Hammer
 Inspector

10/20/2011
 Date

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 Regional Supervisor / Lead Inspector

 Date

[Signature]
 Law Enforcement Lead Inspector Supervisor

10/20/11
 Date

 Deputy Inspector General / Deputy Inspector General
 Chief of Investigations / Chief of Special Operations

 Date

 Inspector General

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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Sergeant T. Sanders' incident report, 2pgs.
2. ██████████ documents concerning Inmate McDonough, 75pgs.
3. Baker C.I. E-dormitory housing Log for 02/08/2011, 9pgs.
4. Baker C.I. Control Room Log for third shift 02/08/2011, 4pgs.
5. Photographs of McDonough's body and cell E1117, 17pgs.
6. Autopsy report, 7 pgs.
7. Toxicology report, 2pgs.

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. Compact disc containing audio recorded interviews of: Sergeant T. Sanders, Inmate J. Smith, Inmate M. Crawford, Inmate T. Basden, Inmate L. Brown, Inmate H. Fumich, Inmate W. McClendon and Inmate G. Wilson.
2. Compact disc containing digital photographs of McDonough's body and cell E1117.
3. McDonough's blister pack of Naproxen (*Placed in evidence storage at GFO*).