

Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 15-7250**



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INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 15-7250

OIG Inspector: Inspector Janine Knight

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Bobby Hall

Date Assigned or Initiated: April 27, 2015

Complaint Against: Inmate Charles Grove DC#955248

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

Complainant: Warden Mark Henry

Outside Agency Case #: PE-37-0022

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Suicide

Confidential Medical Information Included: X Yes ___ No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: ___ Yes X No

Chief Inspector General Case Number: N/A



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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.

Investigative Assist Closed

Refers to a disposition of an investigative assist, where the conduct being investigated by the outside agency did not concern allegations against a Department employee, contractor, inmate, offender, or other person either employed or under the supervision of the Department.



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V. PREDICATE

On April 25, 2015, the Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General received notification from the Emergency Action Center that Inmate Charles Grove DC# 955248 was found hanging by a sheet in his assigned cell Y3-110. Security and _____ were notified. Upon arrival, Inmate Grove was pronounced dead. This incident occurred at Graceville Correctional Facility. Inspector Ilsa Hayes responded to the facility and initiated an administrative investigation on April 25, 2015. Case was reassigned to Inspector Janine Knight on July 22, 2015.

VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on the exhibits, witnesses' testimony, and the record as a whole, presented or available to the primary inspector, the following findings of facts were determined:

On April 25, 2015, Inmate Grove was found _____ and Inmate Grove was later pronounced deceased. There was no indication of use of force. Inmate Grove's death was ruled a suicide by the 14th Judicial Circuit Medical Examiner's Office.

On September 8, 2015, Special Agent Bobby Hall advised their case had been closed as a suicide.

No administrative violations were identified by Florida Department of Law Enforcement during their investigation of this case.

DISPOSITION: *The Demand for Records request has been satisfied, in that, all known mail documents / recorded telephone calls have been mailed to the requesting party, no further action necessary. This assist is deemed closed.*

VII. CHARGES

- N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Bobby Hall the allegation against Inmate Charles Grove for **Suicide**, be termed as follows:

- Closed